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WASHINGTON

House GOP approves debt limit bill

Measure would lift ceiling by $1.5T and sharply cut spending, but it faces steep climb in Senate

By Lisa Mascaro and Kevin Freking
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Republicans narrowly passed sweeping legislation Wednesday that would raise the government's legal debt ceiling by $1.5 trillion in exchange for steep spending restrictions, a tactical victory for Speaker Kevin McCarthy as he challenges President Joe Biden to negotiate and prevent a catastrophic federal default this summer.

Biden has threatened to veto the Republican package, which has almost no chance of passing the Democratic Senate in the meantime, and the president has so far refused to negotiate over the debt ceiling which the White House insists must be lifted with no strings to ensure America pays its bills.

But McCarthy's ability to swiftly unite his slim majority and bring the measure to passage over opposition from Democrats and even holdouts in his own party gives currency to the Republican speaker's strategy to use the vote as an opening bid forcing Biden into talks.

The two men could hardly be further apart on how to resolve the issue.

The bill passed by a razor-thin 217-215 margin.

"We've done our job," McCarthy said after the vote.

"The president can no longer ignore" the issue by not negotiating with the House Republicans, he declared.

Passage of the sprawling 320-page package in the House is only the start of what is expected to become a weekslong political

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Imani, son of the two famous Chicago piping plovers, Monty and Rose, was spotted for the first time this season at Montrose Beach in the Uptown neighborhood on Tuesday. Great Lakes piping plovers face threats from habitat loss, humans and severe storms. **SHANNA MADISON/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

LOVE BIRD

Imani, son of beloved piping plovers Rose and Monty, is back in Chicago. No longer a wingman, he's searching for a mate who will swoop right.

By Nara Schoenberg | Chicago Tribune

A local celebrity appeared at Montrose Beach on Tuesday.

Imani, son of Chicago's beloved piping plovers Monty and Rose, was spotted at 6:30 p.m. on a quiet stretch of sand favored by shorebirds. He ate, took a bath at sunset, preened his white and dove-gray feathers, and fed some more.

A local birder took a photo that showed distinctive silver, purple and orange bands on the visitor's legs, according to Tamima Itani, lead volunteer coordinator for Chicago Piping Plovers.

"It's definitely Imani," Itani said.

What this means for piping plovers, which are endangered in the Great Lakes region, and for Imani, who spent six lonely

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Venezuelan migrants Karen Malave and daughter Arril Brandelli, 7, eat food left by a volunteer Tuesday, their seventh day of waiting inside Chicago's 16th District police station. **ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

For migrants, a plea for shelter

Families live at Chicago police stations as city, charities scramble to line up accommodations

By Nell Salzman and Robert McCoppin
Chicago Tribune

Two families from Venezuela sat on metal chairs in the lobby of Chicago's Jefferson Park 16th District police station Tuesday, desperate for permanent shelter after spending months walking and taking buses to get to the United States.

Jessica Chirino said she and her family had been waiting six days to hear from the city about what shelter might have space.

"We've been through so much to get here, so much, for this," Chirino told the Tribune in Spanish.

Across the city migrants overwhelming the city's social services have been living at police stations while awaiting placement at shelters, raising health and humanitarian concerns among police and community organizations. People seeking asylum have been placed at more than a dozen police districts around the city, sleeping in the lobbies and waiting — often with children — for days.

On April 1 the Tribune saw more than a dozen people, nearly

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Aldermen who backed Vallas thread a needle

Nearly 20 council members look to mend fences with Johnson — and remain true to themselves

By Hank Sanders
Chicago Tribune

Inside the Millennium Suite at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on April 4, VIP supporters of Paul Vallas enjoyed specialty cocktails, a pianist and sprawling views of Millennium Park as they waited for the election results to roll in.

Among those in attendance were some members of Chicago's City Council who endorsed Vallas and whose smiles faded as early returns favorable to Vallas dissipated and Cook County Commissioner Brandon Johnson was elected the city's next mayor.

"This is going to be Mayor Lightfoot 2.0, which is going to be twice as bad as what you just saw," Ald. Anthony Beale, 9th, vented to the Tribune shortly after Vallas conceded in a ballroom filled with teary-eyed supporters. "The tax base is about to leave, the police are about to leave. So I'm very concerned about the direction that the city is headed."

Weeks later, Beale and his colleagues who backed Vallas find themselves in the unenviable position of having supported the loser in the mayor's race and forced to build a new relationship with Johnson, who some aldermen had described as too progressive, too inexperienced or too lenient of crime.

While aldermen for years have had to work with a mayor they opposed in elections, the group of nearly 20 aldermen who will

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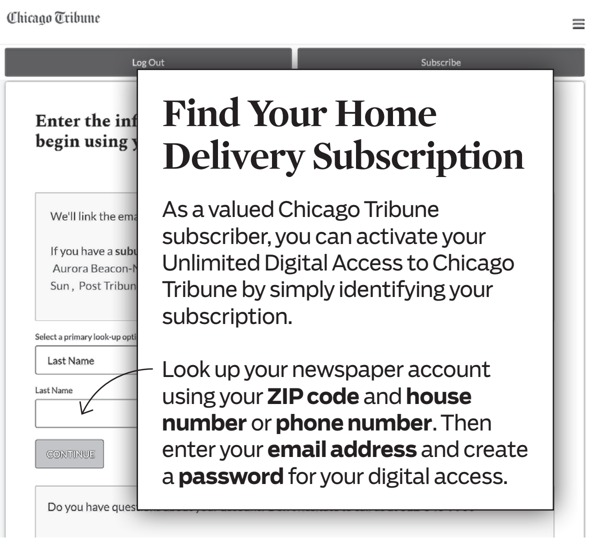

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Chicagoans can join global 'scavenger hunt' contest to find the most wildlife

By Nara Schoenberg
Chicago Tribune

An iridescent beetle, bright as an emerald.

A coyote in a parking lot. A beaver at the beach.

A rare broad-billed hummingbird, touching down more than 1,500 miles from home.

All of them were seen in the Chicago area during previous rounds of the International City Nature Challenge, which pits urban areas against each other in a race to document the most wildlife. And with the 2023 challenge starting Friday, local leaders are once again turning to the public for help.

Participants upload photos of wild plants and animals to iNaturalist, a free app and website that provides data to scientists and land managers at organizations worldwide, including the Forest Preserves of Cook County, the Chicago Park District, the Field Museum and Lincoln Park Zoo.

"People are looking for ways to make a meaningful impact and contribute to how we see wildlife, how we conserve wildlife, how we care for our planet as a whole, and this is a very clear and direct way to do that," said Chicago Ornithological Society President Edward Warden.

"But then there's the social side which is, it's just fun," he added. "It's basically just an advanced scavenger hunt, and who doesn't love the opportunity to have a target and be able to go out and hunt for it in the real world in real time?"

Last year 67,000 participants in more than 400 cities across the planet recorded 1.7 million wildlife sightings.

The Chicago area had a 2022 total of 931 participants, 9,500 sightings and 1,300 species. The Ohio alliance of Cleveland, Akron, Canton and Toledo found 1,100 species.

St. Louis found 1,300 species and New York 1,700.

California, where the competition originated in 2016, traditionally has very strong showings, with last year's San Francisco team reporting 3,000 species and Los Angeles reporting 2,600 species.

Among the Chicago team's more impressive finds through the years: a broad-billed hummingbird — very rare for this region — which was spotted in 2021.

"That was probably the most shocking one," Warden said. "It's this bird that comes from Central America that was just hanging out at a forest preserve on the Northwest Side of Chicago."

Asked if the Chicago team has any big rivals, Warden chuckled.

"It is a friendly competition. At the end of the day, we're all sharing the same goal, which is encouraging people around the world to use this platform and deepen their connection to nature," he said.

Still, Chicago keeps an eye on two or three regularly participating Midwestern cities, which Warden declined to name.

"It wouldn't *hurt* to beat them," he said.

The City Nature Challenge is on the rise at a time when scientists across the globe are raising alarms about decreases in wildlife, including insects and songbirds. A 2019 report in the journal Science found that North America has 2.9 billion fewer breeding adult birds than it did in 1970, a 29% decrease.

The study cited threats to birds such as habitat loss, agricultural changes, coastal development and climate change.

This weekend's City Nature Challenge will run from 12:01 a.m. Friday to 11:59 p.m. Monday.

The Chicagoland Region team will offer a range of organized events, including a virtual training session by experts at Lincoln Park Zoo, bird-watching at the city's Wild Mile eco-park, a children's event in Darien, nature hikes in Chicago and Kane counties, and hikes and wildlife scavenger hunts in Indiana.

Leaders of the Chicago-area team include the Chicago Park District, the Chicago Wilderness Alliance, Lincoln Park Zoo and the Chicago Ornithological Society.

This year, the Chicago team is offering a new daily challenge to help people who like a little direction, but you're free to report on any wild plants, animals or fungi you may see.

"A lot of people say, I need to be on the lookout for something rare, and that's not the case," said Warden. "Everything from a robin bouncing around in your backyard is important, because it paints a bigger picture of what life is like in our area."

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Shelter

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Luisette Kraal, coordinator for Nuevos Vecinos, helps Vanessa Moya Maquilon, left, and Franky Balolles Parras, both Columbian migrants, as they wait to obtain city identifications at Park Community Church in Chicago. **ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

all women and children, sitting in the lobby of CPD's South Loop 1st District station. They sat on a ledge along the building's front window, visible from the street as they rested and waited.

At the time, police officers did not allow the Tribune to speak with the migrants inside the building but expressed frustration with their ongoing presence. Migrants have been sheltering at police stations since at least January.

The Fraternal Order of Police this month filed a grievance over the situation, saying it raises potential health, safety and liability issues, and uses police resources for shelter that should be provided by social service agencies.

"This city said, 'We're a welcoming city, we'll take you,' but has no plans to do that," Chicago FOP President John Catanzara Jr. said. "This is not a knock on them, but these people are now living in the lobbies of police stations, which is ridiculous."

More than 6,000 migrants have come to the city since last fall, when Texas Gov. Greg Abbott began sending busloads of migrants to Chicago to protest the influx in his state. Mayor Lori Lightfoot criticized Abbott for mistreating the migrants and said the city would take care of them.

Since then the migrants, some of whom arrived on their own, have outpaced the city's ability to place them in 11 migrant shelters or to find permanent placement. Some have been sheltered by the Salvation Army, churches, residents and community groups, others slept in bus and homeless shelters, while some were bused to hotels in the suburbs.

The latest migrants arrived by airplane at O'Hare, Catanzara said, and were transported to police stations, in some cases by school buses.

And more come nearly every day with no place to stay, said Luisette Kraal, coordinator for Nuevos Vecinos — which means New Neighbors — a faith-based group affiliated with Park Community Church that helps provide the migrants with food and clothing, and support services.

"We need the city to get its act together," she said. "We are overwhelmed."

City officials did not specifically respond to questions about how they are handling the migrants but instead released a statement from the outgoing mayor that the city "is working to coordinate safe passage for all new arrivals."

When migrants arrive at city facilities like police stations, a shelter placement request is immediately made through 311, the statement said. Once the request is made, the city works with community partners to transport the individuals and families to a shelter once space is available.

Additionally, the city has engaged community-based organizations to assist with temporary shelter and other services.

"This humanitarian crisis remains fluid," Kraal said. "We have been working tirelessly to connect new arrivals with much needed assistance and support. We will continue to work with our local and community leaders to support those in need."

But perhaps as a sign of the growing urgency of the situation, the city on Wednesday scheduled a joint budget and immigrant and refugee rights hearing for Friday to discuss operation and costs associated with the newly arriving migrants.

Late last year Lightfoot had requested $54 million from the state to help fund emergency services for those seeking asylum, warning that funding was rapidly drying up. The state approved just $20 million the following month during its lame-duck session.

Lightfoot said at the time she hoped for more federal funding to help address the influx.

Brandon Lee, spokesman for the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, said the city closed its intake center for migrants, as well as some of its shelters. He called sending migrants to police stations an "insufficient solution."

Ald. Maria Hadden, of the 49th Ward in Rogers Park, said the city needs a large central location to house and process large numbers of migrants, who are not getting screened until after they leave the police stations and enter a shelter.

The situation, she said, is "overwhelming," with city workers "drinking from a fire hose."

> *"We need the city to get its act together. We are overwhelmed."*
>
> *— Luisette Kraal, coordinator for Nuevos Vecinos*

Hadden said in her ward the Leone Beach Park field house, which previously had been used for storage, opened for migrants, and then closed, before being reopened this week.

She said the state and federal governments and other cities need to offer more help.

"Chicago can't do this on its own," Hadden said.

Kraal said her group helps migrants find shelter and city identification and apply for asylum. The group doesn't get any help or funding from city officials, she said, but has to raise its own funds.

"They're flying them all over the country," Kraal said. "So many (migrants) coming in, cities just can't handle it. We're struggling."

The potential for crisis is growing, police and advocates say.

According to a source in the FOP, one of the migrants housed at the Logan Square 14th District station was taken to the hospital for chickenpox on Saturday, but was released and returned to the station later that day. On Sunday, his symptoms worsened and he was again admitted to the hospital and, again, brought back to the district station.

In response, mayoral spokesman Ryan Johnson said, "Anyone seeking treatment would have access to a local health care provider and those with an emergency should seek emergency care."

At the Jefferson Park station, Chirino, 31, said she has been sick with a fever and a sore throat but has had no choice but to sleep on the hard tile floor. She and her husband, Johnny Caicado, have a few thin blankets that they spread out and roll up to use as pillows.

Chirino and her husband and two daughters left Venezuela because of hyperinflation, the threat of starvation, and crime in their home country.

"I'm hungry," 5-year-old Charlotte Falcon said, climbing into her mother's arms.

Charlotte wore the same red pajamas that she'd been wearing for the past week. Chirino rocked her child and whispered reassuring words into her ear.

Ivo Brandelli, 33, and his wife, Karen Malavé, 26, who are also sheltering at the police station, told the Tribune that they worry about the future of their family.

"More than anything, we want to help our kids," Brandelli said in Spanish, looking at his 7-year-old daughter, Avril. She played with a doll by the radiator at the police station.

"We know that her education is the most important thing for her development," Malavé said. "If she studies and goes to school, she can do anything. The schools here are better, that's what we fought for in the four months it took us to get here."

The two families had moved through detention centers in Mexico and San Antonio, Texas, before being flown to Chicago by social service agencies.

Both families hope to plead asylum. They have few possessions but hold their immigration papers carefully wrapped in folders. Their court dates are in a few weeks, but they don't know how to find a lawyer, or how to connect with support services.

Chicago Tribune's A.D. Quig, Gregory Pratt, Jake Sheridan and Sam Charles contributed.

CHICAGOLAND

Speaker doesn't rule out putting abortion rights on 2024 ballot

By Jeremy Gorner
Chicago Tribune

Illinois House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch, right, has not ruled out putting a proposed constitutional amendment codifying a right to abortion on the 2024 ballot to drive Democratic voter turnout in a presidential election year. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch on Wednesday vowed there wouldn't be another attempt to ask voters to approve a graduated-rate income tax, but did not rule out putting a proposed constitutional amendment codifying a right to abortion on the 2024 presidential election year ballot to drive Democratic turnout.

House Republican Leader Tony McCombie, meanwhile, acknowledged that while her caucus does not have a single lawmaker who supports abortion, she would be open to supporting a suburban GOP candidate who supports the procedure. Republicans were once the dominant party in the suburbs, but their hard-line positions on social issues, including opposition to abortion, has eroded the party's support.

Abortion was one of a number of issues discussed by the state's top legislative leaders during a panel discussion in downtown Springfield hosted by the Illinois Manufacturers' Association and the Illinois Retail Merchants Association, and moderated by Tribune political reporter Rick Pearson.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker's proposed graduated-rate income tax amendment was overwhelmingly rejected by voters in 2020. But when Welch became House speaker in early 2021, he suggested the state make another attempt to put the question to voters, with the intention of helping to pay down Illinois' massive pension debt.

On Wednesday, he conceded that such a proposal is off the table.

"One of the things I've learned is you learn a lot from losses. You know, we got our butts kicked on that. And we had to find a different way to go," Welch said.

Welch, a Democrat from Hillside, said the state is showing signs of financial stability, citing the recent series of credit upgrades and a projected surplus in the latest budget proposal. "Illinois is on the right track," he said.

Asked about a ballot question on adding abortion rights to the state constitution, Welch said a "working group" composed of Democratic abortion rights supporters has been "looking at ways to continue to make Illinois a place that trusts women."

In rattling off abortion rights legislation the Democratic-led legislature has passed in the last few years, including the 2019 Reproductive Health Act, Welch hinted that an abortion rights amendment could provide an extra jolt of motivation for the state's Democratic voters in November 2024.

"We have done a really good job in Illinois at being the place that folks across the country know is a place where we value women, we trust women," he said. "The issue is one that is pretty clear here, especially here in Illinois. If it is on the ballot, it could potentially help Democratic turnout."

While the Reproductive Health Act made abortion a "fundamental right" in Illinois, the law could be repealed in the future if anti-abortion lawmakers assume majority status in the legislature. But repealing an amendment enshrined in the state constitution would be significantly more difficult, requiring another amendment.

To pass, amendments enshrined in the state constitution require 60% of those voting on the question to vote "yes," or more than 50% of all ballots cast to vote in favor of the question.

Last year, a few months after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, Pritzker told CNN that the right to choose should be put "on every ballot across the country in 2024," especially "where right-wing politicians are stripping those rights away."

But after delivering keynote remarks at Wednesday's luncheon, Pritzker deferred to the General Assembly when asked about the chances of a proposed abortion amendment on the 2024 ballot.

"I do think it's important for people to be able to weigh in on this subject and of course we've guaranteed it in the Reproductive Health Act in Illinois, a woman's right to choose and reproductive rights. So we'll have to see what the legislature decides to do on it," the governor said.

During the panel discussion, McCombie acknowledged that she'd support a "pro-choice" Republican from the Chicago suburbs, but she also said some of the state's recently enacted abortion laws are "too much," particularly the repeal of parental notification requirements for minors getting the procedure.

"I know our caucus supports human rights," said McCombie, who's from Savanna in northwestern Illinois. "For us, it's about legislation going too far."

Around the same time as Pritzker's keynote remarks, anti-abortion rights advocates gathered outside the Capitol to rally against legislation that would penalize so-called crisis pregnancy centers if they're found to spread false information and interfere with patients' access to abortions.

The measure passed through a House committee Tuesday by a 5-3, party line vote, and moves to the full House floor for consideration.

Eric Scheidler, executive director of the Pro-Life Action League, accused Pritzker and his Democratic allies in the legislature of "trying to silence pregnancy care centers."

"The only choice they want economically disadvantaged Illinois women to have is abortion," Scheidler said in a statement. "If Illinois Democrats really believed in choice, they'd be subsidizing pregnancy care centers, not trying to shut them down."

Pritzker told reporters that it's inappropriate for women to be deprived of their reproductive rights, and the bill now before the House would guard against that.

"We need to prevent the kind of fraud that we've seen by folks who are taking out retail establishment locations next to Planned Parenthood, next to clinics where people seek their reproductive rights, and then trying to convince them to go in a different door where they won't be offered reproductive rights, where actually they'll be dissuaded from exercising those and won't be allowed to get them," Pritzker said. "That's improper. We want to protect women in this state."

Chicago Tribune's Angie Leventis Lourgos contributed.

Robert Bevis, owner of Law Weapons & Supply, speaks in opposition to Naperville's proposed ban on the sale of assault weapons in 2022. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Naperville gun shop owner asks court to lift ban

By Suzanne Baker
Naperville Sun

A Naperville gun shop owner wants the U.S. Supreme Court to issue an injunction lifting city and state bans on assault weapon sales until decision on a federal court ruling is issued by a U.S. Appellate Court.

The request filed Wednesday by Robert Bevis, owner of Law Weapons & Supply, and the National Foundation for Gun Rights says the bans are putting Bevis out of business and should be put on hold until lawsuits challenging Naperville's ordinance in federal court and Illinois' law in state court are resolved.

In the filing, which was directed to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett, Bevis and the foundation said 85% of the guns Bevis sells are now banned and he is being deprived of a livelihood while the litigation remains unresolved.

As a result, Bevis' cash reserves have been depleted and he's had to lay off employees and ask family members to work without pay. He's also missed payments on things like his home mortgage and car loan, maxed out his credit limits and taken out loans to pay the monthly bills, the injunction request said.

If the bans remain in effect any longer, Law Weapons won't be able to abide by the terms of its 15-year lease for its 1539 North Aurora Road store, pay equipment leases or purchase inventory, the filing said.

Bevis and the foundation had requested the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois approve a temporary injunction on the bans but were denied.

U.S. District Judge Virginia Kendall ruled in February that both the city ordinance and the state law, which essentially establish the same sales restriction, did not violate the constitution. With that ruling, Naperville began enforcing its ban on the sale of assault rifles.

The Illinois ban on the sale of certain high-powered semi-automatic firearms and high-capacity ammunition magazines remains in limbo after a downstate judge struck down the new law. The Illinois Supreme Court will take up the state's appeal during its May term.

When Kendall's decision was appealed to the U.S. Appellate Court, Bevis and the foundation sought a ban enforcement injunction but the Seventh Circuit declined to approve it. Filing an emergency application with the U.S. Supreme Court pending the appellate review is the next option available to them.

While the city declined to comment on the most recent court action, foundation President Dudley Brown issued a statement in which he repeated his group's belief that the assault weapons ban is a "blatant violation of the rights of law-abiding citizens and does nothing to address the causes of gun violence."

"Between them, Illinois and the city of Naperville are about to drive a law-abiding gun store owner into bankruptcy just because they don't like his business. That's grossly unconstitutional, and we're asking the Supreme Court to put a stop to it," he said.

Police: Antioch man killed neighbor over leaf blower dispute

By Clifford Ward
For News-Sun

An elderly Antioch-area man was ordered held without bail Wednesday in the fatal shooting of his neighbor in an apparent argument over the neighbor's use of a leaf blower, authorities said.

Ettore Lacchei, 79, appeared in court after he was charged Tuesday with first-degree murder in the shooting death of William Martys, 59. The men were next-door neighbors in the 40700 block of North Black Oak Avenue.

Police said previously Lacchei had "various perceived grievances" with Martys. Neighbors reported that Lacchei was often seen walking along their street armed with a pistol, Assistant State's Attorney Jeffrey Facklam said at Wednesday's bond hearing.

Lake County sheriff's deputies responded to the neighborhood on the evening of April 12 after getting reports of a man lying in a driveway. Officers found Martys fatally wounded with a single gunshot wound to the head.

At the hearing, Facklam said when officers interviewed Lacchei, the suspect said he had not been outside on the day of the shooting. But another neighbor reported seeing Lacchei and Martys, who was holding his leaf blower, apparently arguing after 7 p.m.

The neighbor reported seeing Martys walking up his driveway with Lacchei following, the prosecutor told Judge Theodore Potkonjak.

Police recovered a spent .25-caliber shell casing and a pistol in Lacchei's yard. When officers executed a search warrant Tuesday at Lacchei's residence, they found a case for a small pistol, Facklam said, and a box of ammunition that matched the shell casing found in the yard and other bullets in the gun.

Prosecutors asked the judge to hold Lacchei in lieu of bond, citing him as a flight risk. Lacchei, who apparently is a native of Italy, told police that he had sold his house and was planning on moving there in about three weeks, authorities said. Facklam said the man has an Italian passport.

The judge agreed that Lacchei presented a flight risk, and ordered him held without bail.

According to court records, Lacchei was arrested in January of 2006 for aggravated battery, but the charges were later dropped. The sheriff's office said the incident involved an attack with a baseball bat, but said additional information could not be released because the case involved a juvenile.

According to an obituary, Martys was a father of four who "strived to create happy events and opportunities in life while making sure the ones around him were happy as well."

The obituary continued: "If you were William's friend, you were his friend for life — he would be there no matter the circumstance."

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Tulips that tell a tragic story

A sea of red tulips blooms near 53rd Street and Prairie Avenue in the Washington Park neighborhood on Wednesday. Last year, 100,000 tulips were planted as part of Chicago artist Amanda Williams' project "Redefining Redlining" that calls attention to the effects of redlining, the practice of systematizing discrimination based on where someone lives. The practice denied members of the Black community the chance to invest in property for decades.

Imani

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weeks at Montrose Beach last summer, still isn't clear.

Our diminutive hero, at a little more than 1 ½, is old enough for a mate, but there are only about 250 piping plovers summering around the Great Lakes, and many are already paired off.

"It will really depend on whether a female shows up," said Itani.

If Imani finds a mate, he's likely to make Montrose Beach his summer home. Otherwise, he's expected to do what he did last year: keep moving, presumably on the lookout for a life partner.

Piping plovers tend to be faithful to successful mates and locations, which adds to the challenge. There are about 70 breeding pairs of piping plovers in the Great Lakes region, many of them paired up, according to Itani.

That leaves about 150 chicks that hatched last year and will be looking for mates.

Great Lakes piping plovers, which were down to 13 breeding pairs in 1990, continue to face threats from habitat loss, humans and severe storms. But there is also growing awareness of their plight, as reflected by the massive volunteer monitoring effort that helped keep Rose and Monty safe when they started nesting at Montrose Beach in 2019.

The pair were the first piping plovers to successfully nest in Chicago in decades. Monty died from a fungal respiratory infection last year, and Rose went missing.

Their love story landed them on T-shirts, posters and beer cans, and in two documentary films.

As for the next chapter, Chicago piping plover lovers are in wait-and-see mode, with all eyes on Imani.

"Fingers crossed," said Itani.

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Imani the piping plover walks along Montrose Beach on Tuesday. **SHANNA MADISON/TRIBUNE**

Council

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Ald. Silvana Tabares, 23rd, who backed Paul Vallas for mayor, said, "It's my hope that we can work together to address the issues that are facing the city." **ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

be part of the incoming City Council supported a candidate on the opposing end of the original nine-candidate field than the one who won.

The heated runoff between Johnson and Vallas — that Johnson won 52% to 48% — created a polarizing dynamic that also was felt within the council as aldermen picked alliances between the more conservative, police union-backed Vallas and the progressive Johnson who had come up as an organizer with the Chicago Teachers Union.

Vallas' backers in the council will soon face a choice about how far they'll stretch themselves to work with the new mayor or how hard they will dig in their heels to fight him.

"The results weren't what I hoped for on election night, but I think it's important to know with the new mayor-elect that campaigning is different than governing," said one of the Vallas backers, Ald. Silvana Tabares, 23rd. "It's my hope that we can work together to address the issues that are facing the city."

Even one of the council's most vocal members who backed Vallas, Ald. Raymond Lopez, 15th, said while Johnson's policies are "left of left — definitely left of where I find myself politically," he was "cautiously optimistic" about the incoming Johnson administration.

Still, the situation Johnson will face in the council remains unsettled.

Even before the runoff, aldermen who supported Johnson and Vallas teamed up to reorganize their committee chairs and other rules. While the move was opposed by some — including Lopez, Beale and another Vallas backer, Ald. David Moore, 17th, who likened it to a power grab — supporters said it was a rare opportunity for the council to seize more independence after decades of mayors handpicking committee chairs and four years of strife under outgoing Mayor Lori Lightfoot.

If Johnson moves to undo those changes, that could spark his first fight with aldermen, who would be reluctant to give up their authority to make way for the new mayor's allies. Johnson's victory may help push the idea his progressive vision should guide the next era for Chicago but his proposals, from introducing new taxes or increasing existing ones to relying less on traditional policing, were shot down by Vallas supporters in the council during the campaign.

Just weeks after the election, Lopez also said he disliked the message the mayor-elect posted on Twitter in response to the chaos and criminal activity that broke out earlier this month when hundreds of mostly young people took to the streets in the Loop on a weekend night when the weather was unseasonably warm. Police arrested 16 people as some blocked traffic, jumped onto a CTA bus and attacked passersby. Two teen boys were shot as they stood in the crowd.

"It is unacceptable and has no place in our city," Johnson's tweet read. "However, it is not constructive to demonize youth who have otherwise been starved of opportunities in their own communities."

"I think that gave a lot of us pause, both politically as well as in the business community," Lopez said. "Because you cannot condone bad behavior, give any room for it to exist."

Lopez hopes Johnson will lean on others to help craft messages that don't have "unintended consequences."

"We know there are individuals who are looking for any excuse, any wiggle room, any sentiment that gives them the opportunity to act like depraved lunatics in this city," he continued. "And we cannot have our leader giving them that opportunity."

Moore was more supportive of Johnson's statement.

"His thing was not (about) not holding them accountable, but about not demonizing them," Moore said. "That I stick with and I agree with."

As council members prepare for the new term, Lopez and a few of his colleagues are considering formally establishing what some familiar with the matter are calling a conservative caucus to be made up of a bloc of aldermen, many Vallas backers, that would meet to pursue common policy and political objectives.. Lopez said he prefers the label "common sense caucus."

"As we are seeing the ethnic caucuses kind of splinter and not be as powerful as they used to be, we want to focus just on common sense policies and solutions to the problems in the city of Chicago," Lopez said.

He said that could include legislation Lopez is pushing that would increase fines and fees on parents if their children are found to be violating the municipal code.

Johnson also has some history on his side.

He's been in politics for a number of years, first as a community organizer and more recently as a Cook County commissioner, and has built relationships with some of the aldermen, which Moore said gives him hope.

"I consider him a friend," Moore said. "I know his heart, that's first and foremost. And if a person has a good heart that's the best way you can start and you can get beyond the politics and all of that."

The tough sledding might not just be on Johnson's side either.

A few of the aldermen who backed Vallas represent wards that Johnson won, including receiving more than 78% of the vote in Beale's 9th Ward and more than 80% of the vote in Moore's 17th Ward.

"Sometimes your children believe that not going to school is best for them," Moore explained in a metaphor for his constituents. "You have to do what is best for your residents, and that's what I did in supporting Paul Vallas. Not what was best for David Moore."

Johnson also will have some help on the council as some of his fellow progressives were elected as aldermen, including Alderman-elects such as Desmon Yancy, 5th, William Hall, 6th, Ronnie Mosley, 21st, and Angela Clay, 46th.

Despite this added success, the progressive caucus and the mayor will still have to work with their more moderate colleagues — a relationship that most likely will take time to build.

"We have to give Mayor-elect Johnson a chance to handle what he's walking into," Vallas endorser Ald. Nicole Lee, 11th, said. "It's a lot, this is no small task."

Chicago Tribune's Greg Pratt and Alice Yin contributed.

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'COMED FOUR' TRIAL

Jury questions court during deliberations

By Jason Meisner, Ray Long and Megan Crepeau
Chicago Tribune

A federal jury will resume deliberations Thursday in the "ComEd Four" trial alleging a group of executives and lobbyists conspired to bribe then-House Speaker Michael Madigan to win his influence over the utility's legislative agenda in Springfield.

So far, the jury has deliberated for about 8½ hours over two days without reaching a verdict. They're scheduled to resume discussions at 10:15 a.m. Thursday.

On Wednesday, the jury had three questions that summoned the parties to U.S. District Judge Harry Leinenweber's courtroom.

First, the jurors wanted to know the purpose for the date of Nov. 18, 2015, listed in the charges. The date marks the statute of limitations, which is five years before the filing of the indictment on Nov. 18, 2020. To find the defendants guilty of those counts, the jury has to find that at least one of the conspirators "committed an overt act in furtherance" of the conspiracy within the five-year period.

After conferring with the parties, Leinenweber's response read: "Under the law of statute of limitations, a person may only be prosecuted for a conspiracy if at least one of the overt acts of the conspiracy occurred within five years of the indictment being filed."

In the second question, which came in about 2 p.m., the jury asked for a definition of "overt." Since the word was described in the jury instructions as any act in furtherance of the conspiracy, all parties agreed that the response would be for the jury to refer to those instructions.

About an hour later, the jury requested a copy of the indictment, which Leinenweber had already decided should go back with the panel for their deliberations.

Charged are Michael McClain, 75, a longtime ComEd contract lobbyist and one of Madigan's closest confidants; former ComEd CEO Anne Pramaggiore, 64, a lawyer and onetime rising star in Chicago's corporate world; Jay Doherty, 69, a lobbyist and former president of the City Club of Chicago; and John Hooker, 74, who over a 44-year career worked his way from the utility's mailroom to become its point man in Springfield.

The indictment alleged the four conspired to funnel $1.3 million in payments to ghost "subcontractors," largely through Doherty's company, who were actually Madigan's cronies.

The utility also hired a clout-heavy law firm run by political operative Victor Reyes, distributed numerous college internships within Madigan's 13th Ward fiefdom and blatantly backed former McPier chief Juan Ochoa, the friend of a Madigan ally, for an $80,000-a-year seat on the utility's board of directors, the indictment alleged.

In return, prosecutors say, Madigan used his influence over the General Assembly to help ComEd score a series of huge legislative victories that not only rescued the company from financial instability but led to record-breaking, billion-dollar profits.

Among them was the 2011 smart grid bill that set a built-in formula for the rates ComEd could charge customers, avoiding battles with the Illinois Commerce Commission, according to the charges. ComEd also leaned on Madigan's office to help pass the Future Energy Jobs Act in 2016, which kept the formula rate in place and also rescued two nuclear plants run by an affiliated company, Exelon Generation.

The indictment charges a total of nine counts, including a main bribery conspiracy count lodged against each of the four defendants. Other charges include circumventing internal business controls and the falsification of business records to allegedly hide the payments ComEd was making.

Defense attorneys have argued over and over that the government is seeking to criminalize legal lobbying and job recommendations that are at the center of the state's legitimate political system.

They ripped the government's star witness, former ComEd executive Fidel Marquez, as a liar and opportunist who was so terrified when FBI agents confronted him in January 2019 that he flipped without even consulting a lawyer and agreed to secretly record his friends.

"We are here because the government scared Fidel Marquez to death," attorney Jacqueline Jacobson, who represents Hooker, said in her closing argument.

Marquez eventually pleaded guilty to bribery conspiracy and is awaiting sentencing.

In rebuttal, the lead prosecutor on the case, Assistant U.S. Attorney Amarjeet Bhachu, told the jury that the efforts to woo Madigan were like a "corruption toll" similar to something motorists must pay to continue on their trip on the state tollway.

And Madigan was the gatekeeper, Bhachu said.

"It was a corruption toll to make sure that Mr. Madigan was not an obstacle to their legislative agenda," Bhachu said. "And they paid that toll every month, from 2011 to 2019, when they were caught."

The ComEd Four case marks the most significant public corruption trial since former Gov. Rod Blagojevich was convicted 12 years ago.

It has struck at the heart of Illinois politics itself, holding up a mirror not only to Madigan's vaunted political operation but also the entire system of relationships between lobbyists, legislators and government-regulated utilities that rely on the General Assembly for its profits.

Trying to read tea leaves on how long the jury might deliberate is usually an effort in futility. Leinenweber told the parties that if there is no verdict by Thursday, he'll ask the jury if they want to deliberate Friday as well, even though Fridays have been a day off since the trial began.

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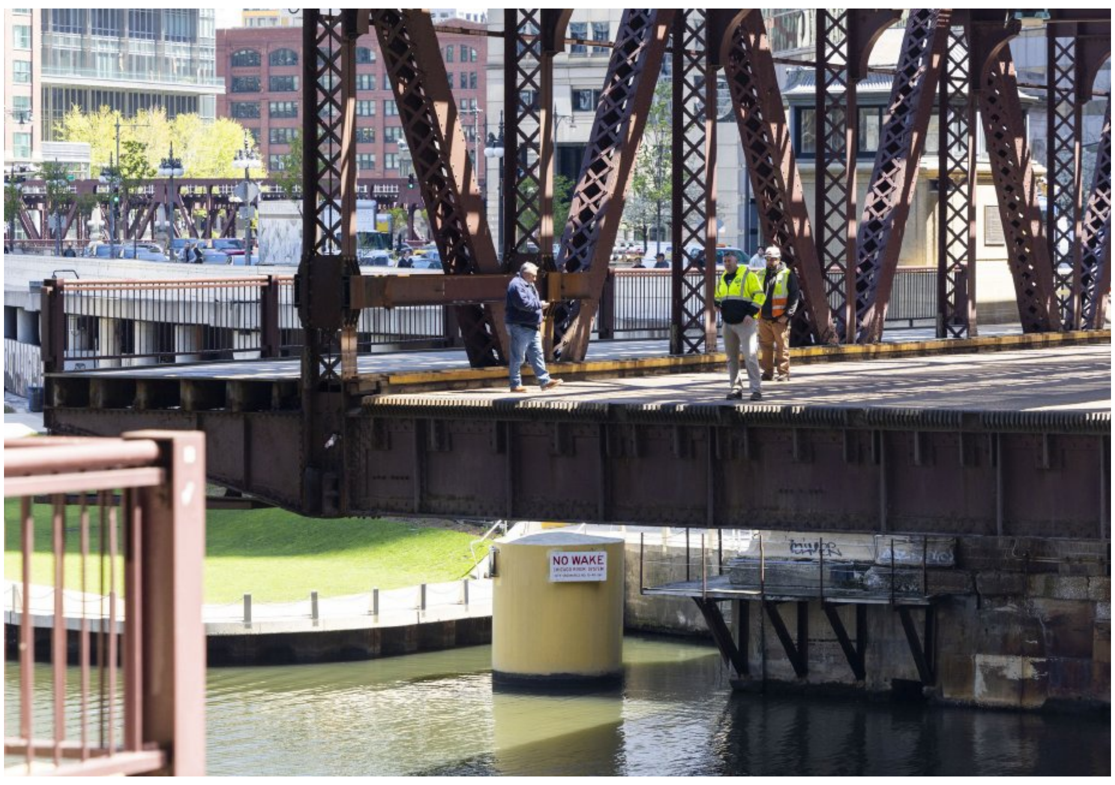

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Stuck bridge delays CTA

Workers stand on the Lake Street Bridge downtown after it was stuck open Wednesday, causing delays on CTA "L" lines. The bridge was raised as part of the regularly scheduled spring bridge lifts that let boats into Lake Michigan.

County moving to ban flavored e-cigarettes

By A.D. Quig
Chicago Tribune

A ban on the sale of flavored nicotine products in suburban Cook County is being introduced this week, an expansion of efforts to curb vaping among youth in particular.

Commissioner Donna Miller plans to introduce the ban at Thursday's Cook County Board meeting. It bars retailers — limited to those in unincorporated areas of the county — from selling "any flavored nicotine product," including menthol, fruit, candy, dessert or alcohol flavors but "not the taste or aroma of tobacco," according to the draft ordinance.

If passed, the proposal would take effect immediately and give the sheriff the power to "conduct unannounced inspections" on retailers or vending machine operators selling nicotine products. Violators would be subject "to a fine of not less than $1,000 nor more than $5,000 for each offense."

Displaying any flavored nicotine products would garner a $500 fine for a first offense and could result in the loss of a retailer's license for more than three violations within a 12-month period.

The Illinois Retail Merchants Association, which has typically pushed back on such restrictions, did not immediately respond to a request for comment, though Miller said Thursday she expected resistance.

"This will help Cook County join other jurisdictions, such as the city of Chicago, Los Angeles County, and the state of Massachusetts, California, New Jersey, New York and Rhode Island, that have enacted statewide flavored tobacco and vape product bans in fighting the attack on our youth and young adults," Miller said at a Wednesday news conference. Flavored e-cigarettes are "hooking a whole new generation on nicotine, putting millions of kids and young adults at risk, and threatening decades of progress in reducing youth tobacco use."

Federal officials banned the sale of most flavored e-cigarettes with the aim of reversing the tide of youth vaping in 2020, but the measure had loopholes that allowed companies to sell disposable, pre-charged and flavored e-cigarettes or vape "tanks" and was considered ineffective.

Since 2014, e-cigarettes have been the most common tobacco products used by middle and high school aged youth, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A youth survey released by the CDC and the Food and Drug Administration in October found 14% of high school students and more than 3% of middle school children reported vaping in the prior 30 days.

Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck, chief operating officer of the Cook County Department of Public Health, said he supported the proposal, in part because e-cigarette use among youth "remains an ongoing public health concern." Nicotine exposure during adolescence can harm brain development, Hasbrouck continued, affecting learning, attention, mood and impulse control. In Black and brown communities, he said, people are "predatorily targeted by the tobacco industry by marketing (and) price promotions."

Chicago banned the sale of flavored e-cigarettes in September 2020, on top of other restrictions on nicotine and tobacco products, such as a ban on vaping indoors and a tax on e-cigarettes of $1.50 per unit and $1.20 per fluid milliliter of liquid. Suburban retailers and shoppers told the Tribune in November that the city's ban pushed customers their way. Some considered the ordinance watered down because it did not address the sale of menthol-flavored traditional cigarettes.

Sheriff Tom Dart said vaping is "literally the No.-1 thing" his high school daughters talk about.

"They talk about the kids who are in stalls, they're vaping, they seem to feel not only that it's easier to get away with than smoking cigarettes were, but they also don't in any way understand what this is leading to," he said. The county should "stop it and do it now before we have yet another generation who is hopelessly addicted" to nicotine.

The sheriff's office already has a unit that looks for unstamped cigarettes and liquor, Dart said, and flavored vape sales would just be another item on the checklist if the ordinance passed. "It's not going to be a lot of heavy lifting on our part, and our hope is that the responsible ones are just going to stop doing it," he said. "Usually they get the memo."

Miller could not say what the impact on county revenues would be. Taxes on cigarettes and other tobacco products are one of the county's larger sources of income outside sales and property taxes. Cook County collected an average of about $125 million per year in cigarette and "other tobacco product" taxes between 2019 and 2021 according to its most recent budget. Officials project those revenues will continue to fall in the out-years. "We're going to take a look at that," Miller said.

Last month, Juul Labs agreed to settle a lawsuit launched by the city of Chicago over claims the company violated the city's municipal code by "marketing JUUL Products to youth" and "engaging in inadequate age verification," among other complaints. This month, the state of Illinois announced a $67 million payout from Juul as part of a multistate settlement.

When the $23.8 million settlement for Chicago was announced, a Juul spokesperson said the company was focusing on adults who wanted to quit traditional cigarettes "while combating underage use of our products."

EVANSTON

Panel nixes ordinance on cannabis lounges

By Alex Hulvalchick

Evanston's Planning and Development Committee shot down changes to city code that would have allowed for cannabis consumption lounges, citing the city's Clean Air Act and the impacts of secondhand smoke.

Councilmember Devon Reid, who introduced the changes, argued that the city should make the exception despite concerns by some of the potential adverse health impacts on the community.

He cited a Centers for Disease Control study from 2019, a year before the drug became legal in Illinois, that said one in five Americans used cannabis at one point during the year and the demographics of cannabis users are widespread.

"We saw when we moved toward recreational legalization of cannabis, here in our state and other states, that there was a disproportionate impact of that restriction on minority communities, particularly Black and brown folks," he said. "In many leases, it is against the rules, in violation of the lease, violation of the contract, to consume cannabis within your apartment unit."

Earlier this year, City Council amended code that prohibited possession of cannabis in public spaces, bringing city code more aligned with state law. Despite the changes, consumption is still prohibited in public spaces.

This, Reid says, forces residents into a corner and limits their ability to use a drug legal in the state that is sold in legal dispensaries with tax funds from the sale going to the city's reparations fund.

"We know that people throughout the nation and in our community are having their housing jeopardized because of consumption of cannabis," he said. "There are too many people who have nowhere where they can legally consume cannabis."

Current ordinances would allow for an indoor smoking lounge, according to Reid, if certain circumstances were met. He also said that the societal and individual impacts of alcohol are far greater than cannabis and it is hypocritical for Council to approve liquor licenses but not consider cannabis lounges.

"According to the CDC, there are 95,000 people who die of the over consumption of alcohol every year. 95,000 Americans," Reid said.

"There is a huge imbalance here in the way we are viewing these substances."

Chair of the Evanston Health Advisory Council Don Ziegler spoke in opposition to the ordinance during the April 24 meeting, saying that the request could have an adverse impact on neighboring properties and could encourage impaired driving.

Senior Manager of Policy and Advocacy for the Respiratory Health Association Kelly Nichols said that proposed ventilation for cannabis lounges won't be enough to protect workers and that there is no safe amount of secondhand smoke.

"Evanstonians deserve a consistent policy that promotes health," Nichols said.

Councilmember Bobby Burns was the only yes vote alongside Reid, with other council members saying that alcohol doesn't have the same impact that secondhand smoke from cannabis does.

"I can sit at a cafe outdoors and someone has a beer next to me; that's not impacting me. Someone's chewing a gummy, that doesn't impact me," Councilmember Clare Kelly said. "If they're smoking right next to me, that does."

Kelly also said she would be concerned for workers at the proposed cannabis lounges as the jobs would likely be low income and could subject them to dangers from secondhand cannabis smoke.

Reid argued that while secondhand smoke isn't a factor with alcohol, traffic-related deaths due to drunken driving could be seen as the equivalent.

In order to open a cannabis lounge, owners would need to get a state license to operate a dispensary, a process Reid calls stringent.

Even with the license, Reid's proposed ordinance would have created a special use process for applicants that would require them to go before City Council to request approval for a cannabis lounge.

Reid also said that cannabis lounges could bring substantial revenue and job opportunities into the city, especially with Oakton College's cannabis program in Skokie.

"We're training young folks in our community to work in this industry and we're not providing job opportunities for them," he said. "That's what our tax dollars are going toward."

Councilmember Melissa Wynne, who was on the council when the Clean Air Act was passed, said that because there are other ways to consume cannabis besides smoking, she is a hard no on cannabis lounges and would encourage closing any existing loopholes that could allow them.

If those loopholes do exist, Councilmember Eleanor Revelle said she is concerned that by allowing cannabis lounges, it could open the door for tobacco smoking lounges.

Councilmember Jonathan Nieuwsma spoke of his experience visiting northern Michigan where he saw a cannabis business with a giant neon "House of Dank" sign and said that isn't what Evanston is about.

"I am concerned about the image and perception of Evanston," he said. "We want Evanston to be lively and warm and welcoming for families, a vibrant community … we don't need a House of Dank. So if that elevates me to a Francis Willard level of prudishness, so be it."

If cannabis lounges became more widely accepted in the future, Nieuwsma said he would possibly be willing to revisit the discussion.

Reid said that kind of perception is exactly what he's hoping to combat and that laws in Illinois are very different.

Even with the ordinance stalling in committee, Reid said he still has hope for it.

"I never let anything die," he said.

House Speaker Kevin McCarthy arrives for a meeting with colleagues Wednesday at the Capitol. **J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP**

Debt

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slog as the president and Congress try to work out a compromise that would allow the nation's debt, now at $31 trillion, to be lifted to allow further borrowing and stave off a fiscal crisis.

As the House debated the measure, Biden indicated he was willing to open the door to talks with McCarthy, but not on preventing a first-ever U.S. default that would shake America's economy and beyond.

"Happy to meet with McCarthy, but not on whether or not the debt limit gets extended," Biden said. "That's not negotiable."

The House Republican majority hopes to maneuver Biden into a corner with its plan to roll back federal spending to fiscal 2022 levels and cap future spending increases at 1% over the next decade, among other changes.

McCarthy worked relentlessly to unite his fractious Republican majority, the "five families" including the conservative Freedom Caucus and others, making post-midnight changes in the House Rules Committee in the crush to win over holdouts.

Facing a revolt from Midwestern Republicans over doing away with biofuel tax credits that were just signed into law last year by Democrat Biden, GOP House members relented and allowed the tax credits to stay on the books in their bill.

"Our delegation has stood united for Iowa's farmers and producers fighting to amend the bill to protect biofuels tax credits," said the four House Republicans from Iowa in a joint statement announcing their support for the bill.

Republicans also agreed to more quickly launch the bolstered work requirements for recipients of government aid, starting in 2024 as proposed by another holdout, Freedom Caucus' Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fla., who has led previous challenges to McCarthy.

Republicans hold a five-seat House majority and faced several absences this week, leaving McCarthy with almost no votes to spare in the face of Democratic opposition.

"This bill is unacceptable, it's unreasonable, it's unworkable, it's unconscionable — and it's un-American," said the Democratic leader Rep. Hakeem Jeffries of New York. "That's why we oppose it."

Democrats derided the Republican plan as a "ransom note," a "shakedown" and "an unserious bill" that was courting financial danger.

But as McCarthy worked to shore up support, some of the most conservative rank-and-file Republican members who have never voted for a debt ceiling increase in their quest to slash spending said they were preparing to do just that, rallying behind the speaker's strategy to push Biden to the negotiating table.

Rep. Ralph Norman, R-S.C., a member of the Freedom Caucus, said he would vote for it "because it starts the ball, it gets us in the arena to solve the debt problem."

It's a first big test for the president and the Republican speaker, coming at a time of increased political anxiety about the ability of Washington to solve big problems amid the need to raise the federal debt limit in a matter of weeks.

The Treasury Department is taking "extraordinary measures" to pay the bills, but funding is expected to run out this summer.

Economists warn that even the serious threat of a federal debt default would send shockwaves through the U.S. economy — and beyond.

In exchange for raising the debt limit by $1.5 trillion into 2024, the bill would roll back overall federal spending as well as claw back unspent COVID-19 funds; impose tougher work requirements for recipients of food stamps and other government aid; halt Biden's plans to forgive up to $20,000 in student loans; and end many of the landmark renewable energy tax breaks Biden signed into law last year.

It would also tack on a sweeping Republican bill to boost oil, gas and coal production.

A nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office analysis estimated the GOP plan would reduce federal deficits by $4.8 trillion over the decade if enacted into law.

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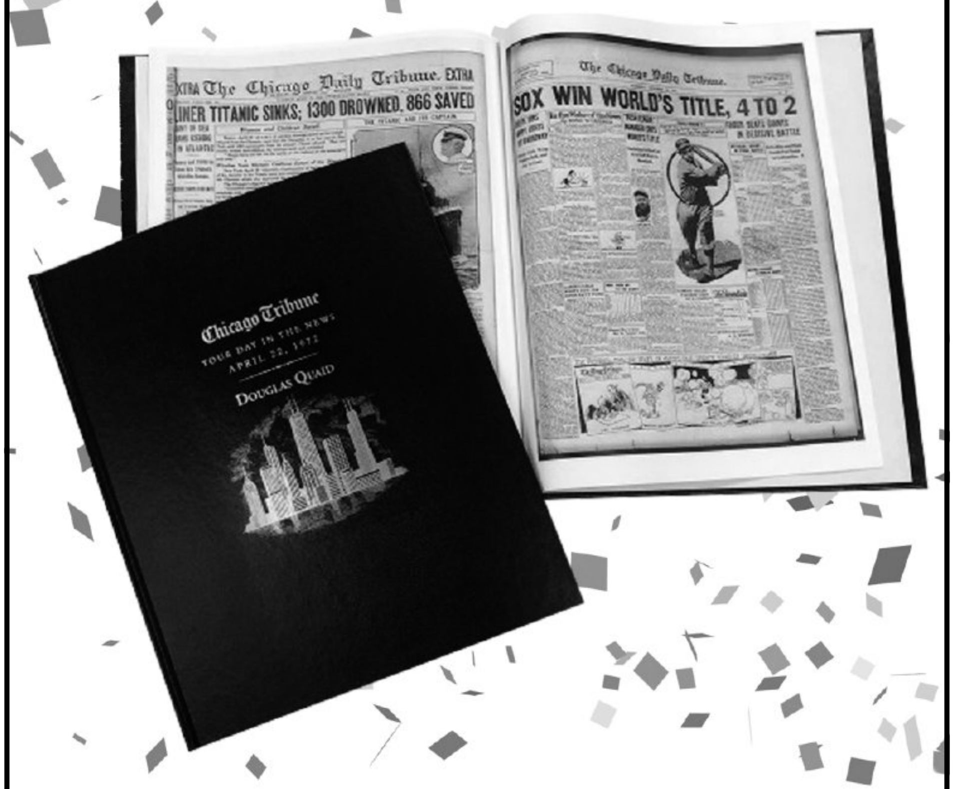

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Valpo museum restraining order dropped

By Amy Lavalley
Post-Tribune

A visitor walks among paintings, including Georgia O'Keeffe's "Rust Red Hills," right, at the Brauer Museum of Art on the Valparaiso University campus in Valparaiso, Indiana, on Feb. 10 **ANDY LAVALLEY/FOR POST-TRIBUNE**

An attorney representing two retired Valparaiso University professors with longstanding relationships with the university's Brauer Museum of Art agreed to drop a request for a temporary restraining order to stop the sale of three cornerstone pieces of artwork after learning during a Tuesday court hearing that sale of the artwork is not imminent.

Portage attorney Patrick McEuen, representing Richard Brauer, the museum's first director and curator and for whom the facility is named, and Philipp Brockington, a former law school professor and benefactor to the museum, appeared before Porter Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Clymer.

The petition for a temporary restraining order was withdrawn, Clymer said, with "an informal agreement of some type" that the paintings will remain in the university's collection for the time being.

"It's not that they're going to be sold tomorrow," Clymer said. "That was my concern."

Clymer is recusing himself from the case because he taught at the university's law school on a part-time basis for 20 years. The law school graduated its last class in 2020. A special judge will handle the complaint for declaratory and injunctive relief also filed Monday.

The complaint argues that Brauer and Brockington both have standing to challenge the sale of the artwork because of Brauer's longtime association with the museum and personal stake in it, and because of an endowment for the museum established by Brockington to "acquire, restore, and preserve" works of art and artifacts for the museum.

The proposal to sell the artwork for renovating dorms, the documents note, is "as if the Percy H. Sloan donation is a mere ATM to be used irrespective of donor intent."

The plans, which opponents said are in violation of the restricted trust from Percy Sloan that provided the artwork, created an immediate outcry on campus, from students, a majority of the Faculty Senate, alumni and the four major art museum associations in North America, which said the museum could face sanctions or censure for going against standard museum protocol for deaccessioning artwork. More than 2,300 people also have signed a petition protesting the sale.

Since then, the university confirmed $2.2 million in restricted funds from its endowment were used to purchase the former Strongbow Inn site at 2405 U.S. 30, funds that couldn't be used to renovate the dorms, and Jonathan Canning, the museum's director, has put together an exhibit about how to deaccession artwork.

Tuesday's hearing offered new details about the procedure and timeline for the sale of the artwork, the proceeds of which the university plans to use to renovate two dorms for first-year students, Wehrenberg and Brandt halls.

Valparaiso attorney Colby Barkes, who attended the hearing on the university's behalf with university counsel Darron Farha, confirmed for Clymer that the university's board voted in October and again in January to sell the artwork, a plan announced by Jose Padilla, the university's president, in a Feb. 8 campus email.

The sale, he said in the email, was to reallocate "resources that are not core or critical to our educational mission and strategic plan."

The paintings are Georgia O'Keeffe's "Rust Red Hills, which Brauer acquired for the Percy H. Sloan Trust in 1962 for $5,700; Frederic E. Church's "Mountain Landscape," which, according to court documents, Sloan acquired at auction for $22 and was part of the original body of artworks in the trust donated to the university; and Childe Hassam's "The Silver Veil and the Golden Gate," which Brauer purchased for the trust in 1967 for $9,000.

Collectively, the paintings are now worth several million dollars. A university spokesman has said the dorm renovations would cost about $8 million.

Barkes said he has been working with the Indiana Attorney General's Office on the matter since March, because that office will determine whether sale of the artwork is a breach of the restrictive Percy H. Sloan Trust under which two of the three paintings were purchased. Per that trust, and standard museum protocol, any proceeds from the sale of the artwork are to be reinvested back into the museum's collection.

Barkes didn't expect a temporary restraining order to be necessary.

"There's no real immediacy to any of this. This is a process that would take place in September," if the Attorney General Todd Rokita's Office gave its approval of the sale, Barkes said, adding there is no irreparable harm at stake, one of the points raised in court documents McEuen filed on Monday.

McEuen said he reached out to Rokita's office but no one there had shared with him that there was a review of the trust agreement taking place.

"They can say all day we don't have plans to sell or it's not until September but there's no evidence of it," McEuen said.

The restraining order, Clymer said, would protect the status quo, which is why he asked about the timing and the immediacy of the sale.

"There would be irreparable harm if the artwork is sold and it was determined it shouldn't have been sold and the artwork is gone," he said.

Rokita's office is still collecting information and has been in conversations with the university but there is no immediate sale, said Kari Molligan, a deputy attorney in that office.

"In the long run, the attorney general will determine the restrictions of the trust and whether they can be released," she said.

The university has been in contact with Sotheby's about selling the paintings but doesn't have a contract with the auction house because university officials don't have an answer yet from Rokita's office, Fahra said, and even then, a sale would be one to two months out.

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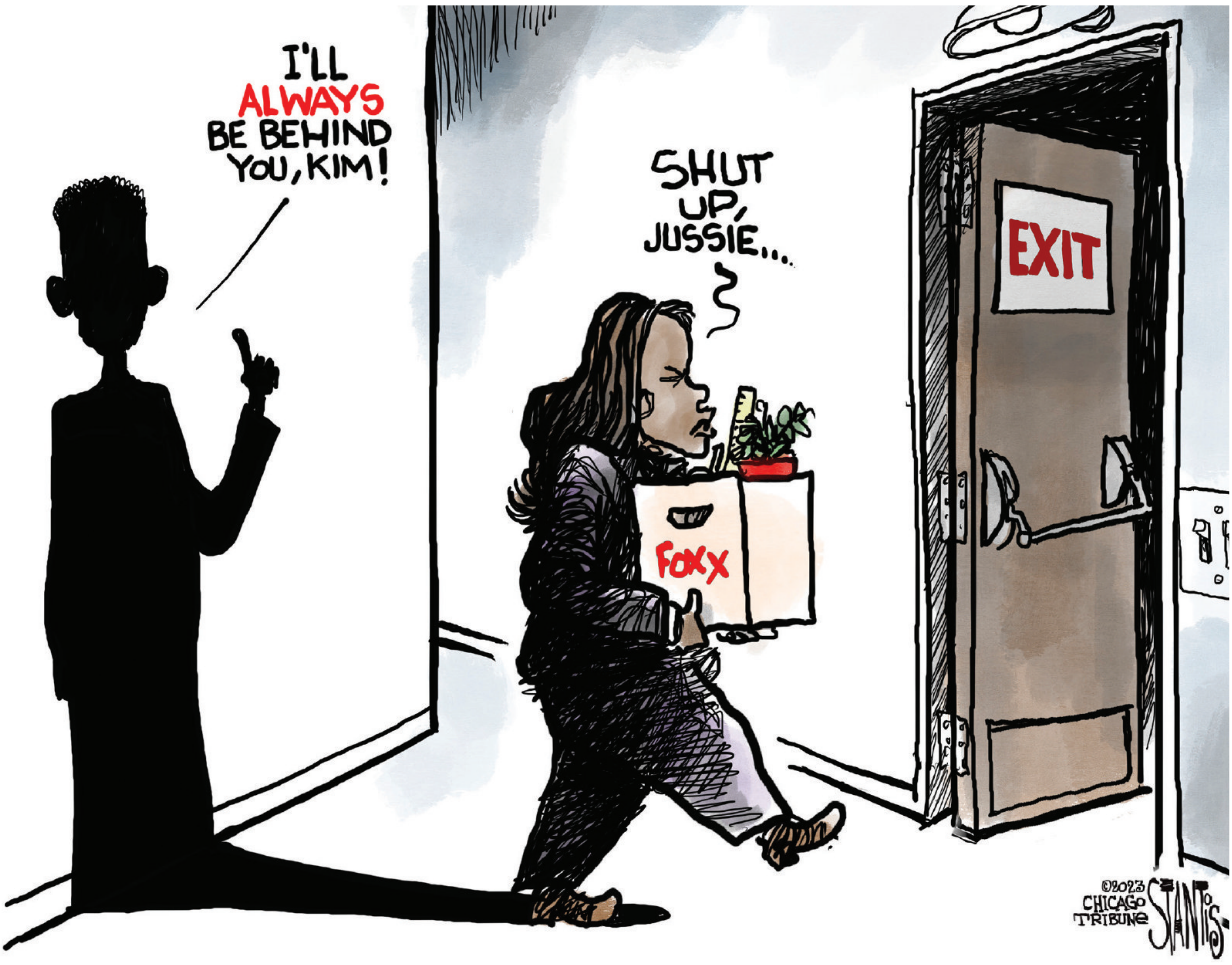


Smollett must be part of Foxx's legacy

In a speech at Chicago's City Club on Tuesday, Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx announced she would not be seeking reelection and, at the same time, excoriated both the media and her political opponents for what she claimed was their unfair obsession with the case of Jussie Smollett.

"Probably when I leave this earth, my epitaph will mention Jussie Smollett," Foxx said from the podium. "And it makes me mad."

In fact, Foxx throughout her speech continually used the name of the actor, who was eventually convicted (a successful prosecution not led by Foxx) of partnering with accomplices and faking a violent, racially motivated attack on a downtown street.

"But you ask me about Jussie ..." was a rhetorical refrain in Foxx's legacy-burnishing exit remarks. (And entrance remarks for a potential run for further political office.)

Sure we ask about him and here's why.

What Foxx failed to understand — and, as far as we can tell, still either fails or willfully chooses not to understand — is that the Smollett case fundamentally was about clout. And when people see clout pay off so massively in the justice system, that understandably infuriates them. Especially those who don't have much clout themselves, which is the vast majority of those who found themselves interacting with Foxx's office, or who investigate crime, or who visit their family members in jail.

The "Empire" actor was connected at the highest political levels and at least one powerful phone call, and perhaps several more, was made to a prosecutor who took the call and offered Smollett special treatment. That's not just our view; the facts in this area mostly are undisputed and special prosecutor Dan Webb came to the same conclusion.

The consequence of that error in judgment was that the police, who had furiously tried to solve a case that had sparked all kinds of pro-Smollett tweets from prominent politicians and celebrities, realized they had been played by an ambitious prosecutor like a character in the deeply cynical musical "Chicago."

No single event in the recent history of Cook County justice did more to undermine the relationship between the police and the prosecutor's office.

Let's be clear. Most reasonable people always understood that Foxx was routinely faced with the need to make decisions about far more dangerous criminals than an actor looking to make headlines and burnish his personal brand. It was also reasonable to expect a resolution that did not involve jail, but instead a sentence to some combination of probation and community service. Cops knew all to well that Smollett was small-bore in their world. There was even some sympathy for the guy from detectives. Nobody wanted him to be sent to jail for years. Everyone could see he had issues.

But Foxx made the profoundly serious mistake of not insisting that he at least plead guilty. Unforgivably, she let him wriggle out of that one, conjuring some weird boutique deal where his past service meant her office would drop the prosecution and allow Smollett's attorneys to bloviate past the question of whether Smollett had actually faked a hate crime. It was an act for which a different party later convicted him, although the case is on appeal.

That was the issue, Madam State's Attorney.

And the desired refrain? Not "And you ask about Jussie ... " but "I made a mistake there and I've learned."

That way, Foxx could justifiably take credit for her many genuine achievements in that office, including her laudable focus on seeking justice rather than merely achieve a conviction, her dedication to freeing those wrongly convicted of crimes, including those there as a consequence of corrupt police practices, her encouragement of future progressive prosecutors and her palpable commitment to equality under the law.

But that didn't happen with Smollett.

And that's why people ask Kim Foxx about Jussie, and always will.

Harry Belafonte's 'rebellious heart'

A poignant irony came wrapped in the news that Harry Belafonte had died of congestive heart failure Tuesday at age 96. Surely, one easily imagines, the iconic singer, actor and activist would take issue with that diagnosis.

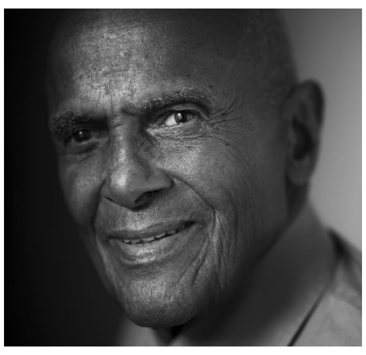
Although his body had failed after almost a century of history-making activism and award-winning artistic achievements, his spirit never did.

It was a life rich with achievements and honors.

The "King of Calypso," as Harold George Belafonte Jr. was called after his runaway 1956 hit, "The Banana Boat Song (Day-O)," would go on to win three Grammy Awards, an Emmy and a Tony, as well as starring roles in such classic films as "Carmen Jones."

But, he persistently insisted that "I was an activist long before I became an artist."

His fame opened doors to more activism. He befriended the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and helped organize the 1963 March on Washington. He befriended Nelson Mandela and led a campaign against apartheid in South Africa.


Harry Belafonte lived a life rich with achievement and honors. **TODD HEISLER/THE NEW YORK TIMES FILE**

He mobilized support for the fight against HIV/AIDS and came up with the idea for recording the hit 1985 recording "We Are the World," which assembled a constellation of pop and rock stars, including Bob Dylan, Michael Jackson and Bruce Springsteen, to raise money for famine relief in Africa.

Yet, the former King of Calypso's unvarnished candor ruffled feathers even among his allies. He sparked an angry backlash, for example, when he called President George W. Bush "the greatest terrorist in the world" for invading Iraq.

Yet, he also criticized Barack Obama so much during the then-senator's first presidential run that Obama asked him to "cut me some slack." Belafonte memorably replied, according to The New Yorker's Jelani Cobb, "What makes you think that's not what I've been doing?"

When asked in recent years what he was still looking for, he replied, "What I've always been looking for: Where resides the rebel heart?"

"Without the rebellious heart, without people who understand that there's no sacrifice we can make that is too great to retrieve that which we've lost," he said with poetic grace in 2017, "we will forever be distracted with possessions and trinkets and title."

Belafonte's rebellious heart is at rest now. But his musical genius continues to be remembered.

So should his relentless pursuit of a better world.

ABOUT TUCKER CARLSON

As Tucker Carlson departs Fox News, the big question isn't about the rationale for showing the profitable prime-time host the door, but whether Fox will ever take any responsibility for putting a racist conspiracy theorist on air, night after night, long after it became apparent that Carlson was uninterested in reality.

Why did it take a legal settlement of more than three-quarters of a billion dollars for defaming Dominion Voting Systems to mark him as a liability, and not his pushing openly bigoted "great replacement" drivel, or working overtime to platform Trump's election denier henchmen even as he privately lambasted them, wholly indifferent or even supportive of the dangerous forces he was empowering?

The simplest answer is that Fox simply doesn't care about any damage done except to the bottom line, heeds no constituency except shareholders, and subscribes to no higher ideal than next quarter's performance.

Fox has real journalists who are perfectly capable of putting out sober, fact-based work, but executives' decision to make Carlson and fellow truth-challenged hosts the face of the network and give them free reign to openly defy their own reporters' facts makes clear that journalistic integrity comes second ...

As for Carlson, in an ideal world he would retire to obscurity and repentance, but in this world, it's very likely he'll reappear to keep spewing the same garbage. Anyone who might be inclined to hire him should think about how much they can afford in major settlements; anyone who might be inclined to support a potential entry into politics should remember how two-faced the host has always been.

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Students study, play and rest on the quad at the University of Illinois on April 11 in Champaign. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

HOW TO KEEP STUDENTS IN ILLINOIS FOR COLLEGE

By Meg Bates and
Mariana Barragan Torres

Monday is college decision day for high school seniors, and Illinois has a problem. Despite the many fine colleges here, nearly half of our high school seniors who go to four-year colleges choose to attend colleges out of state. That puts Illinois below only New Jersey in terms of losing more college students than it brings in.

This problem affects everyone. Due to declining birth and enrollment rates, the Illinois high school Class of 2027 will be down 10,000 students compared with last year; by 2030, it will be down 20,000 students, state birthrate and school enrollment data shows. With fewer potential college students, keeping more of them in state is critical. Otherwise, more Illinois colleges will close, with resultant consequences for local economies.

But why does this happen? A recent survey of 1,250 high school seniors by our team at the Illinois Workforce and Education Research Collaborative (IWERC) has begun to shed light on this challenge.

Cost is critical. It was the No. 1 issue for survey respondents in choosing a college. Those who left the state said they could have been swayed to remain in Illinois by lower tuition and more financial aid. Keeping the costs of Illinois colleges competitive with those of neighboring states is essential.

Perceptions matter. Seniors who leave Illinois for college aren't just flocking to the Ivy League — in fact, the majority of leavers are going to institutions in neighboring states comparable in prestige and cost to those right here in Illinois.

Yet, leavers cite college quality as a factor in need of improvement in Illinois. They also rate the social environment of out-of-state institutions more highly.

Celebrating our state institutions — through employing marketing campaigns, providing better and complete information to high school counselors, and encouraging friends and family to share more of their in-state college pride (by far how most students learn about their chosen college) — could help improve these perceptions.

Demographic differences point to multiple solutions. Students who leave the state for college are more likely to be white and have highly educated parents. Students who stay are more likely to be Latino and from Chicago. A good response to this problem must be multifaceted and serve both stayers and leavers, to improve the experiences of all students. Lowering costs and improving perceptions of Illinois colleges threads that needle: Latino and low-income students pay less and go to schools with a better reputation, while more potential leavers opt for Illinois.

Illinois is not alone in this problem: Tracking peer states may help. Large states such as Texas, New Jersey and California also have a college out-migration challenge, and their responses may be instructive. For example, New Jersey recently launched a "Garden State Guarantee" lowering costs for students who commit in-state; colleges are also stepping up international recruiting to bring in more students and balance the scales. Meanwhile, Texas and California have had success with guaranteed admissions for select students.

Other peer states such as Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York have bucked the out-migration trend by bringing in more students than they lose. Examining how they fund and market their institutions could provide direction for Illinois institutions.

Our research suggests that leavers can be persuaded to stay in Illinois, with investments in cost and perceived quality. By prioritizing this issue and working together, we can keep our best and brightest students right here in Illinois.

Meg Bates, Ph.D., is director of the Illinois Workforce and Education Research Collaborative (IWERC), housed within Discovery Partners Institute at the University of Illinois System. Mariana Barragan Torres, Ph.D., is a research specialist at IWERC. They are co-authors of the Illinois college decision-making study.

Prohibiting extremists in CPD is key to rebuilding trust

By Jeff Tischauser

While Mayor-elect Brandon Johnson has many challenges ahead, Chicagoans have made clear that none are of greater importance than tackling public safety issues. Key to that is rebuilding the relationship between the Chicago Police Department and the communities the police serve, which for too long has been driven by fear and distrust. To repair that essential relationship, Johnson and the next City Council must act to prohibit white supremacists from joining and being members of CPD.

Today, across the city, around 13 officers who are known associates of hate and extremist groups are patrolling the streets. One of those officers lied about his association with the Proud Boys, an allegation sustained by CPD's bureau of internal affairs (BIA). In another case, according to the Chicago inspector general's office, an officer told Police Department investigators about his membership in the Oath Keepers. Both officers remain on the force.

The problem of white supremacy in the department goes far beyond two officers, though, or 13. Without question, the majority of officers want to serve and protect Chicagoans. However, by not aggressively rooting out white supremacist activity and by disregarding processes of accountability despite established facts, CPD has reinforced the perception that a culture of impunity exists within the ranks.

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Chicago police officers in West Englewood on Aug. 11, 2022.
BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Southern Poverty Law Center has decades of experience tracing connections between law enforcement and the organized white power movement. The subject matter experts of SPLC's Intelligence Project are focused on helping communities prevent and counter white supremacy and hate. We've shared this research in a Jan. 5 letter to outgoing Mayor Lori Lightfoot and former Superintendent David Brown. But we have not received a response.

Despite the fact that the BIA sustained five charges against Officer Robert Bakker — four regarding his ties to the Proud Boys and one for lying to investigators — CPD did not remove him from the force. In addition, despite an admission to CPD investigators that he was an active member of the Oath Keepers for four years, CPD did not remove Officer Phillip Singto from his position of authority and power.

Both groups have a history of instigating violence in attempts to achieve political goals. In 2015, the FBI warned that "domestic terrorism investigations focused on militia extremists, white supremacist extremists, and sovereign citizen extremists often have identified active links to law enforcement officers."

Groups such as the Proud Boys and Oath Keepers perceive large urban centers like Chicago as ground zero in their war against a long list of enemies who include Black and brown people, LGBTQ people, migrants, women, Jews, Muslims and white supporters of inclusive democracy. These groups seek to recruit people who hold positions of power over their perceived enemies or seek to put their own people in these positions — including as police officers.

There is a clear path forward for Johnson and new Police Department leadership. First, CPD must follow and enforce the consent decree put into place in 2019 following the murder of Laquan McDonald by a Chicago police officer. The consent decree requires CPD to enact reforms regarding discipline and supervision of officers. These reforms should include clear prohibitions against active participation with white supremacist extremist groups.

At the Public Safety Committee hearing in February, police officials provided some hopeful first steps, including a new rule that is more explicit in the type of groups with whom officers cannot associate. But if the recent past is any indicator, the real question is: Will CPD enforce this rule? If not, state Attorney General Kwame Raoul must act to enforce the terms of the consent decree.

Second, Chicago needs a police superintendent who will be committed to preventing white supremacists from serving as CPD officers. The superintendent has the power to veto disciplinary agreements reached between BIA and officers charged with misconduct if they do not think the discipline matches the charges. Before Chicago appoints a new Police Department leader, the city needs to know how the superintendent would use his or her authority in these cases.

Third, lawmakers must demand a strong social media policy from the Police Department, which is required by the consent decree. Proactive attention to misconduct activity online can prevent problems before they occur.

Lawmakers in Chicago should learn from policymakers in Minnesota and Washington state who are confronting this issue now, enacting rule changes that explicitly prohibit officers from engaging in this extremist conduct. Clearly defining what it means to actively participate or support prohibited white supremacist groups is required.

Last, elected leaders must speak out on this issue and demand police accountability. Most public servants, including CPD officers, surely want to do good for the city. Some are prevented from doing so by a culture of impunity that sidelines those who would want to hold their colleagues accountable.

Groups such as the Proud Boys and Oath Keepers often seek to use police departments and the entire profession for their own benefit. Strong action across the board will reduce distrust and build bridges with communities. We can work on this together.

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A Chicago Police van is parked on Michigan Avenue, across the street from Millennium Park, on Sunday. **EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

'Quiet quitting' a safe option

I recently retired from the Chicago Police Department after 27 years. I spent the last five years investigating officer-involved shootings, including the following one.

While I agree that not all shootings are "good," one need only look at the shooting involving Adam Toledo and the horrific treatment the involved officer has been subjected to fully understand why cops may "quietly quit" doing what they are sworn to do.

In this case, the officer responds to a "shots fired" call and encounters two subjects running, including one with a gun. The officer doesn't know what this subject's intentions are or how old the subject is. The officer is at a great disadvantage. The subject runs and refuses to drop the gun. In an instant, the subject turns toward the officer in a dark alley and forces the officer to make a critical decision.

The officer fires once, not able to see in that fraction of a second that the subject has thrown the gun while spinning around to face the officer. The officer then immediately tries to save his life. The subject dies, and it is later determined that he was 13 years old.

The metric in determining use of deadly force by an officer is reasonableness. Could this officer reasonably believe that he may be shot by the subject and suffer great bodily harm or death? I think the answer is clear.

No criminal changes were brought against the officer because he acted reasonably and there was no criminal intent. However, nearly two years after the shooting, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability recommended the officer be fired. Despite having no law enforcement experience, the members of COPA concluded that the officer violated department rules and that termination is appropriate. The interim superintendent concurred.

In the face of grave danger and to protect others, the officer did what he was trained to do, and the Police Department wants to hang him out to dry. The officer takes the fall while the failings of others in this kid's life are not even considered.

"Quiet quitting" seems the best option here. If you stay in the car, you are safe and will not have to worry about losing your job or going to prison. Being second-guessed by an agency like COPA, or by politically appointed police brass, can have disastrous effects on an officer's career and freedom, even when the officer has done everything right.

Quiet quitting is about self-preservation.

— John Bowes, retired detective, Chicago

Police officers are leaderless

If Chicago's cops are guilty of quiet quitting, it has nothing to do with who the police superintendent is. I can say that with some authority after 33 years as a cop in Chicago. Yeah, the top cop is important and sets policy and picks competent command personnel. But the most important supervision comes from the hands-on police supervisors — the sergeants, lieutenants, captains and watch commanders who are involved in the day-to-day decisions cops make.

In the police profession, the lowest-ranking members make the most crucial decisions: when to use deadly force, arrest, stop, etc. Those decisions reverberate up through the chain of command, not down as in most professions. No matter the policy set by the superintendent, if the lower ranks are not executing, we see the failures, sometimes in blaring headlines.

Look at the out-of-control behavior in Chicago's downtown a few weeks ago. Was the acting superintendent on the scene? Who was in charge overall? What was the strategy after days of unrest and ugly incidents? If there is a breakdown in police morale that leads the Tribune Editorial Board to suggest that Chicago's cops may be guilty of "quiet quitting," the problem is a lot deeper than who the superintendent is or who he or she is going to be ("Quiet quitting' cannot be an option for Chicago police," April 25).

The Bears are looking to build on the site of the now-closed Arlington Park International Racecourse in Arlington Heights. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/TRIBUNE**

Chicago's cops are demoralized, understaffed and leaderless at the command ranks, and they are in dire need of inspired leadership from top to bottom.

The editorial states that a cop has two options: Do the job to the best of their ability or leave. I would go a step further and add a Marine Corps saying to that: "Lead, follow or get out of the way."

Chicago deserves the best it can get from its cops.

— Bob Angone, retired Chicago police lieutenant, Austin, Texas

Young adults are to blame

The April 25 editorial seems to blame the police for the melee that happened downtown a couple weeks ago.

Mayor-elect Brandon Johnson blamed a lack of things for young adults to do. A group of ministers blamed lack of jobs. No one seems to put the blame on the young adults.

A 5- or 6-year-old may not know right from wrong. Teenagers and 20-year-olds should know right from wrong. These people are responsible for their actions — not the police or the mayor or anyone else.

I hope that somewhere, these young "adults" are feeling contrite for their actions and trying to find a way to make amends or at least apologize.

— Don Mueggenborg, Lemont

Financial aid for the Bears

As a state resident since birth, I don't understand the state and local government reluctance to financially aid the Bears relocating to Arlington Heights. The Bears could easily have threatened to relocate out of state and created a bidding war to retain them. They did not.

They play in the smallest stadium in the league and have limited revenue opportunity, from stadium-naming rights, suites, concessions and parking. Getting to and parking at Soldier Field are next to impossible. From what I've read, the Bears have created an incredible opportunity for the state to create thousands of jobs, build a state-of-the-art stadium and transform that area into a sporting-entertainment venue that could be the envy of the league and nation.

If any small company would come to the state asking for aid to bring 50 jobs and 15,000 square feet office space, it would be embraced and the news broadcast on every news outlet.

The demolition contract alone for Arlington Park would create hundreds of jobs. Then tack on the thousands of jobs for stadium construction and roadwork. This just scratches the surface of the overall project.

The state has lost a lot of wealth and many corporate headquarters this past year to other states, along with the revenue and jobs they provided. Why can't we just embrace this effort for the Bears, assist them in any way we reasonably can and create an entertainment complex that we all can enjoy 12 months of the year?

— Rick Sidor, Kildeer

If not a stadium, then what?

I read with interest the editorial in the April 26 Tribune, "Q: Why do the Bears need taxpayer help for their move to Arlington Heights? A: They don't."

One question, with many tentacles, needs to be answered regarding the merits of providing taxpayer assistance for building a Bears venue in Arlington Heights: "What is Arlington Heights going to do with the 326 acres?"

If not the Bears stadium, then what? How important are the Bears to the development of the Arlington Park site? How long will the build-out take if the Bears do not relocate there?

If the Bears are the reason other businesses locate on the 326 acres, then maybe the Bears need to be compensated. Having the municipality pick up the infrastructure cost is one way. Another would be to freeze the real estate tax but only on the Bears. Any business that wants to set up shop on the complex is doing so because it can turn a profit. It does not need any incentives. The draw of the stadium is incentive enough.

The Bears need to be locked in for a long period of years. What happens if the Bears leave after the real estate tax freeze has expired? If the Bears leave, then they will owe the municipality for the entire cost of the infrastructure.

Why should the municipality pay for the infrastructure cost? Do the math. Is it better financially for the municipality to move the project forward and spend the money on the infrastructure or wait until it gets a better deal? If it thinks there's a better deal in not having the Bears anchor the site, then it shouldn't spend the money on infrastructure — but it had better be right.

— Rocky Miller, Chicago

Participating in revenues

The Bears editorial is right on. The Bears and McCaskeys need no help from taxpayers. They are sitting on a storied but losing franchise that is nevertheless estimated to be worth more than $5 billion. And the NFL is said to have extensive resources for financing assistance for new stadiums. Let them work it out on their own. The ludicrous proposal by tone-deaf Rep. Marty Moylan, that ticket buyers should help out by paying an additional fee, is insulting.

How about this approach? Let the state and local communities go ahead and pick up much of the cost of new infrastructure. In return, they would then participate in revenues from the McCaskey enterprise in Arlington Heights — stadium ticket sales, parking fees, sportsbook and hotel revenue, etc. This might work similarly to the way state and local communities receive revenues from casino and sports betting operations. Some of these revenues could also be used to retire the Soldier Field renovation debt.

This way, local communities would benefit *directly* from the McCaskey development. This is better than hoping for some intangible benefits that the Bears are promising. Intangibles often never materialize.

— Blaise J. Arena, Des Plaines

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RICHARD FRIEDMAN, 93

Mayoral candidate was active in civic discourse for decades

By Bob Goldsborough
For Chicago Tribune

Friedman

Richard E. Friedman worked in the Illinois attorney general's office and as head of the Better Government Association before mounting a quixotic challenge to Mayor Richard J. Daley in the 1971 election.

A onetime Democrat who ran as a Republican, Friedman used his campaign to highlight his objections to Daley's Democratic machine. He cited high crime rates, rising transit fares, troubles with the city's school system and a housing shortages while arguing that tax dollars were being used to prop up an army of patronage workers.

He lost in a landslide.

"I remember how brave it was when he ran for mayor," said former Ald. Dick Simpson, who supported Friedman in the race. "Most people were afraid to do that because of the power of the machine."

His foray into Chicago politics wasn't the only adventure in Friedman's life. He operated hot air balloons, held a glider pilot's license, climbed mountains in the Andes, prospected for uranium, kayaked in Lake Michigan and practiced judo.

Friedman, 93, died of complications from leukemia April 3 while in hospice care at the Smith Care Center at the Plymouth Harbor retirement community in Sarasota, Florida, said his wife of 51 years, former Chicago TV news anchor Jorie Lueloff. Friedman had been a longtime Lincoln Park resident until making Sarasota his primary home in 2012.

Born Richard Emanuel Friedman in the Austin neighborhood, Friedman graduated from private schools. In 1951, he received a bachelor's degree in economics from Grinnell College in Iowa, driving a taxicab to support himself. Friedman then moved to south suburban Flossmoor with his family and enrolled at Northwestern University's School of Law, where he worked on Republican Robert Merriam's unsuccessful 1955 mayoral campaign against Daley.

Friedman served in the Air Force during the Korean War, rising to the rank of lieutenant. He completed his law degree in 1956 and was an administrative assistant to then-Illinois Treasurer Joseph Lohman, also working on Lohman's unsuccessful bid for the Democratic nomination for governor.

In 1961, Friedman became a special assistant attorney general under Democrat William Clark. A year later, he made an unsuccessful bid as a Democrat to unseat Republican U.S. Rep. Ed Derwinski.

Friedman returned to the state attorney general's office and was named first assistant attorney general in 1964. Friedman left state government in 1969 to become the executive director of the Better Government Association, leaving two years later to run for mayor.

"I suppose I got frustrated running the BGA," Friedman told the Tribune in 1971. "You see all that's going on and you really can't do anything about it. I want to do something. I like to do things."

Casting himself as a centrist, Friedman told the Tribune that he hoped to form a coalition with independents and liberal Democrats if he snared the GOP nomination for mayor. Less than a week later, Republican leaders gave him the nod, and he began a four-month campaign.

"He was a generally very inventive thinker," said veteran journalist, political activist and political consultant Don Rose, who supported Friedman's mayoral run. "He was a bright and inventive guy who came up with all kinds of interesting ideas."

Throughout the race, Friedman hit Daley for not disclosing his income, for isolating himself from voters and for urban renewal projects on the Near North Side.

"I'm running for the forgotten Chicagoan, the guy on the block who doesn't have clout, who refuses to bribe city payrollers to get a tree cut down or a gutter fixed or garbage collected, who can't make the kind of immense 'contributions' to the machine's campaign funds that will bring him contracts, influence, a tax break," he told the Tribune in 1971.

In the end, however, Daley defeated Friedman with nearly 70% of the vote, winning all but two of the city's 50 wards.

Upon conceding defeat, Friedman told supporters at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel that "this campaign has been honest, open, candid and vigorous. And this campaign has fulfilled a responsibility to talk about the issues that confront Chicago. We have done that."

Shortly after the election, Friedman married Lueloff and signed on as the Chicago-based regional administrator of the federal department of Health, Education and Welfare.

In that job, Friedman persuaded his bosses to set aside money in government construction budgets for sculptures to be placed outside public buildings, making him partly responsible for the placement of Claes Oldenburg's Batcolumn sculpture in front of the Harold Washington Social Security Administration Building at 600 W. Madison St., and Alexander Calder's famed Flamingo stabile in front of the Kluczynski Federal Building.

Friedman also was assigned the task of setting up the Fort Indiantown Gap camp for Vietnamese and Cambodian refugees in 1975 after the end of the Vietnam War.

"He had 24 hours to fix it all up and make it work, and he did," Lueloff said.

Friedman and Lueloff sponsored a three-generation family of 14 Vietnamese refugees. Friedman received a presidential citation for his work with the resettlement program.

In 1977, Friedman went into private law practice, first as a partner with Epton, Mullin, Segal and Druth, and then with Rosenthal & Schanfield.

In 1983, Friedman and his mentor, attorney Morris Leibman, founded the National Strategy Forum, a Chicago-based nonprofit and nonpartisan research institute that analyzes issues related to U.S. national security and strategy. Friedman was president of that organization, and later its chair.

At the outset, the National Strategy Forum was a series of lunchtime discussions for leaders and academics wanting to know more about national security issues. With the fall of the Iron Curtain, the group's discussion topics pivoted away from nuclear issues to more economic ones, and after 9/11, the focus shifted to terror.

Among the speakers brought to Chicago for the group's regular discussions included Dick Cheney, Colin Powell, Les Aspin and Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev's top military adviser. In 1995, Friedman took part in an unsuccessful effort to persuade Powell to run for president the following year.

Friedman oversaw the National Strategy Forum until it was announced in 2013 it would be shut down, then was appointed to the Chicago Council on Global Affairs as a senior fellow for national and urban security affairs. In both roles, Friedman was a forceful advocate for finding solutions that balanced the protection of civil liberties with the need for enhanced national security.

"Richard was an incredibly intellectual, stimulating, well-informed individual who was an ardent proponent of good government," said Crate & Barrel co-founder Gordon Segal, a longtime friend and neighbor.

Friedman was well-traveled — Segal recalled Friedman traveling to Kazakhstan and Afghanistan as a young man. In 1968, the Tribune reported that he had set a national endurance record for a class 3 balloon flight. He remained aloft for one hour and two minutes, two and a half minutes longer than the previous record, receiving certification for the achievement from the Sport Balloon Society of America.

"(Though) I set the endurance record for the class 3 size balloon, the prevailing winds carried me off course," Friedman told the Tribune in 1968. "Instead of a grassy meadow to land in, I wound up in a tree several miles off target."

Friedman and Lueloff divided their time between a farm in Wisconsin's Kettle Moraine and their home in Lincoln Park before retiring to Florida.

Friedman also is survived by a sister, Diane Ciral.

A family service is planned for later this year.

Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON APRIL 27 …

In 1509, Pope Julius II excommunicated the Italian state of Venice. (The pope lifted the excommunication in February 1510.)

In 1521 Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan was killed by natives in the Philippines.

In 1805, during the First Barbary War, an American-led force of Marines and mercenaries captured the city of Derna, on the shores of Tripoli.

In 1865 the steamer Sultana exploded on the Mississippi River near Memphis, killing more than 1,400 Union ex-POWs being returned to the North after the surrender of Robert E. Lee.

In 1882 essayist and poet Ralph Waldo Emerson died in Concord, Mass.; he was 78.

In 1899 animator and "Woody Woodpecker" creator Walter Lantz was born in New Rochelle, N.Y.

In 1932 American poet Hart Crane drowned after jumping from a steamer while en route to New York; he was 32.

In 1937 the nation's first Social Security checks were distributed.

In 1967 Expo '67 was officially opened in Montreal by Canadian Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson.

In 1973, during the Watergate scandal, Acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray resigned.

In 1978 convicted Watergate defendant John Ehrlichman was released from prison after serving 18 months.

In 1982 the trial of John Hinckley Jr., who had shot four people, including President Ronald Reagan, began in Washington. (The trial ended with Hinckley's acquittal by reason of insanity.)

In 1986 a video pirate calling himself "Captain Midnight" interrupted a movie on Home Box Office with a printed message protesting de-scrambling fees. (Captain Midnight turned out to be John MacDougall, of Florida, who was fined and placed on probation.)

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Adams, Michael J.

Monsignor Michael J. Adams, age 90, Pastor Emeritus of St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish and resident of Christ the King Parish, entered Eternal Life on April 23, 2023. Msgr. Adams was ordained into the priesthood on May 7, 1959, by Albert Cardinal Meyer. Loving son of the faithfully departed Michael and Jennie Adams. Dear brother of Yolanda (late John) DuBois and fond uncle of their four children. Fr. Mike, to those who knew and loved him, was an exceptional priest who began his priestly ministry as Assistant Pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish. He went on to serve at St. Matthias Parish (Ainslie St), St. Mary Parish (Evanston), St. Francis de Paula Parish (Dobson Ave), and St. Stephen of Hungary Parish (Augusta Blvd). Fr. Mike pastored the People of St. Gall Parish (55th St) from 1977 until 1992 and then pastored the people of St. Mary Star of the Sea (64th St) from 1992 until his official retirement in 2004. In "retirement", Fr. Mike served as the Administrator of St. Bede the Venerable, St. Albert the Great, and St. Catherine of Alexandria parishes when their need arose. He was a beloved presence at Christ the King parish where people benefited from his exceptionally kind nature, dedicated prayer life, and thought-provoking homilies.

Msgr. Adams will lie in state at Christ the King Church, 9235 S. Hamilton Ave., Chicago, IL, 60643, Friday, April 28th from 3:00 p.m. until time of Vigil Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. (through the help of friends from St. Gall Parish and St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish). Also lying in state Saturday, April 29th 9:30 a.m. until Mass of the Resurrection at 11:00 a.m. A live stream of the Funeral Mass will be available via this link: https://www.asimplestreaming.com/mjadams. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, immediately following the Funeral Mass.

Fr. Mike will be dearly missed by the life-long friends he made throughout his nearly 64 years of priesthood. It would be impossible to count the thousands of people that benefited from his wisdom, guidance, prayer, commitment to social justice, and service to God's people. Fr. Mike's life is a testimony to what can happen when you place your trust in the Holy Spirit. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Christ the King Parish, St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish, or to St. Gall Parish. Arrangements entrusted to **Curley Funeral Home**. For Funeral Info.: (708) 422-2700 or www.curleyfuneralhome.com.

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Bookey, Thomas L.

Thomas L. Bookey (Tom) passed away on April 23, 2023 in Naples, Florida surrounded by loving friends shortly after celebrating his 78th birthday. Born April 22, 1945 to Lester Bookey and Mary Jane Rivkin Bookey, in Des Moines, IA. Tom was a charismatic man with big ideas and an even bigger heart.

After college, Tom settled in Chicago, IL, where his love for the city earned him the well-deserved title, among his friends, of Mr. Chicago. Tom had a wide range of storied business interests, including being among the first brokers hired in the Chicago office for Drexel Burnham Lambert, managing the famous Chicago-born rock group Aliotta, Haynes and Jeremiah (famous for the hit song Lake Shore Drive) and opening The Record Store, one of the first stores in Water Tower Place. His love of music led him to create Central States Broadcasting with radio stations throughout the Midwest. Most recently, Tom was with the investment firm, Jordan Knauff and Co.

Tom displayed his true strength and spirit as he battled Guillain-Barre syndrome for the past 12 years. Throughout the ordeal, he never let his spirit diminish or his one-of-a-kind sense of humor falter. Tom's strength of will and character in the face of such adversity is a most fitting testament to the man he was.

Tom was a committed golfer, an avid reader, passionate about politics and devoted to family. He was beloved by all who had the gift of knowing him; his charm, quick wit and storytelling brightened any room he was in. Whether it was a party, a golf trip, or enjoying meals at Gibson's with his family and close friends, "Tommy Numbers" always made things more fun.

He will forever be loved and his memory will live on in all those he touched in life. He is survived by his children, Samuel, Shannon and Elizabeth, his grandchildren Lauren and Caroline, his brother Harry and sister Barbara.

Funeral services will be held at Temple Sholom - 3480 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago - on Thursday, May 4th at 10:30 AM followed by a celebration of life reception at Gibson's Chicago - 1028 N. Rush Street, Chicago. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to either the GBS-CIDP Foundation International and/or to the scholarship fund set up to support the educational needs of Tom's caretakers' children. https://www.gofundme.com/thomas-l-bookey.

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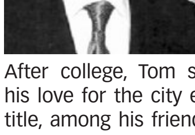
Dedo, Louis J. ''Lou"



Louis "Lou" J. Dedo, age 93, our treasured father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and friend to all, left us while sleeping peacefully at home on Tuesday, April 25, 2023.

Louis is survived by his two loving children Edward CPD, Angela (Bruce) Bertalmio; grandchildren Marina (Marty), Aaron MD, Jessica, Nicole, and Brittany; great grandchildren, Louis and Dean; and numerous nieces and nephews and countless friends.

He is preceded in death by his cherished wife Rosie; son John; his parents; and his twelve siblings.

Louis will be remembered for being a Master Chief of the United States Coast Guard for 26 years. The last ship he commanded was The Wedge out of New Orleans, LA. Avid Polka dancer and proud member of Polka USA. Therapy Tuesday at Major Hall. Fondly called the Happy Birthday Guy. He enjoyed his Crossword puzzles, Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune. He was a longtime resident of the Vittum Park -Midway area and a longtime parishioner and Usher of Our Lady of the Snows Parish.

Services for Louis will begin on Friday, April 28, 2023 with a visitation at Kurtz Memorial Chapel, 102 E. Francis Rd. in New Lenox, from 4pm-8:30pm. Services will continue the following day with a brief visitation at the funeral home from 9am-10:30am, a Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Jude Catholic Church in New Lenox at 11am. Louis will be laid to rest next to his wife and son at Resurrection Cemetery in Justice, IL.

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Dvorak, James Francis

James Francis Dvorak, 67, of Evergreen Park passed away on the morning April 24, 2023 surrounded by family. Beloved father of Krista, Paige (deceased), and Karianne Dvorak. Dear ex-husband of Jacquelyn Dvorak (nee Coblentz).Devoted son of George and Eleanor Dvorak (Deceased). Gentle brother to Marian (Joe) Kelly, Diane (Paul, deceased) Kunich, Jerome Dvorak (deceased), Jane (Rich) Soltas, Jacqueline (Bill) Haack, Julie (John) Quinn, Mike Dvorak, and Jenny(Gerry)Naughton. Devoted uncle to George, Joe, Eric, Jessica, Jacqueline, Eleanor, Amy, Ricky, Billy, Heidi, Elizabeth, Tara, Madeline, Gerry Jr.; also to Scott and Matthew. Precious friend of Tim, Jim, and Pat who were his constant companions in wellness and illness. Memorial service at Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 95th and Millard Ave. Evergreen Park, Il. May 1, 2023 at 11a.m. Jim was a gentle, kind, hilarious man. Throughout his illness he never stopped smiling. That was Jim through and through.

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Farriols, Rocco Christian

Rocco Christian Farriols, passed away suddenly at the young age of 26 on Sunday, April 23, 2023. He was a humorous and loving son, grandson, father, fiancé, brother, nephew and friend to many. Rocco is survived by his parents; Nicole (Kyle) and Aaron (Toni), his fiancée; Colleen, daughters; Madison and Alice, Siblings; Kate, Brianna and Brendan. He will be greatly missed by those who met him. Rocco was known for his love and dedication to his family. Resting at **Panozzo Bros. Funeral Home**, 530 W 14th Street (US Route 30, 3 blocks East of Western Ave.), Chicago Heights on Friday, April 28 from 1:00 p.m. until the time of Service at 6:30 p.m. Interment Private. Info (708) 481–9230 and panozzobros.com

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Gould, Margery Estelle Rudoy

Margery Estelle Rudoy Gould, just shy of 101, passed away from natural causes, surrounded by her family, on Monday, April 24th. Her warm, loving personality inspired many friends, old and new, to be part of her life. Marge's last years were a joyous period in her life, living on Chicago's north side, creating her own art and enjoying the cultural life of the city. She was an active giver to charitable causes and donated regularly to women's shelters. On her 100th birthday, when asked for the secret to her longevity, she said "Be charitable but don't brag" and she urged everyone to find their own cause.

Marge was a great listener who offered supportive, non-judgmental and humorous advice that motivated many people to achieve their goals and deal with adversity. She inspired loyalty and friendship in her children, grandchildren, cousins and friends. Marge was a lifelong member of the DENA cousins' club, and a member of several synagogues throughout her life.

More than 100 people gathered to celebrate Marge's 100th birthday. Family, friends and neighbors were in touch with 'Tudgie' (her nickname from childhood) through visits, phone calls, special outings and her famous handwritten notes. She was especially close to her uncle Lester (Geri) Kaplin, to her first cousins, Marilyn Brown and Howard Kaplin, as well as to her oldest friend, Eleanor Dahl, who also lived to 100, and with whom she grew up in Wicker Park on Chicago's northwest side.

Marge was preceded in death by her beloved husband Morton L. Gould, her parents Max and Elizabeth (Kaplin) Rudoy, and her brothers Leslie (Frieda) and Bernard. She was the loving mother of Mark (Marla) Gould, Scott (Mimi Hagos) Gould, and Elizabeth Saltzman; cherished grandmother of Ben, Alex, Carly, Ryan, and Isabel, and step-grandmother of Sam (Rachel) Saltzman; beloved aunt of Herb (Carole) Rudoy and Ann (Mark) Goldblatt; and devoted cousin of Joan (Carl) Weber and family. She will be missed.

Funeral service Thursday, April 27, 10:30 AM at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, www.ilholocaustmuseum.org.
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Jokich, Dessie 'Desanka'

Dessie (Desanka) Jokich, nee Zorich, age 96, of Calumet City, Illinois passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 20, 2023 during Orthodox Bright Week. She was the beloved and devoted wife of the late Michael "Mitch" Jokich for 53 years, loving mother of Dr. Peter (Cheryl) Jokich and Dr. Michael (Michele) Jokich and the late baby Paul Michael Jokich, and loving grandmother "Baba" of Alexandra (Kevin) Westrate, Carly (Ryan) Funderburk, Ava (Matthew) Battaglia, Brian Jokich, Elyse (Paul) Jokich and Zachary Jokich. She was also blessed as the great-grandmother (Prababa) of Noelle and Hallie Westrate and Jack and Charlie Funderburk, and was the cherished aunt of Richard Drobac and Janice (Philip) Mazzuca. Preceded in death by her son, baby Paul (age 4 months), parents Dragisha "Richard" and Gospava Zorich, sister Dorothy (Eli) Drobac, wonderful father- and mother-in-law Petar and Milka Dozet, and sister- and brother-in-law Ann and Isaac "Ike" Tesla.

Dessie was born in 1927 in Christopher, Illinois, where her father was a coal miner. Both of her parents immigrated to America from Montenegro/Yugoslavia. Dessie moved to Chicago with her sister Dorothy in 1944. She attended James H. Bowen High School in Chicago and graduated in June 1945, and subsequently worked on the 40th and 50th class reunions. She worked for almost ten years as a lost baggage clerk for the Illinois Central Railroad before her boys were born and for several years as a secretary for a local general surgeon when her boys were older.

Dessie was a member of the St. Archangel Michael Serbian Orthodox Church of South Chicago/Lansing, a member of the Circle (Kolo) of Serbian Sisters "Kneginja (Princess) Zorka" of South Chicago/Lansing, the Serbian Seniors of St. Archangel Michael Serbian Orthodox Church of Lansing, the Serb National Federation Karageorgevich Lodge #25, and the Starlite Chapter #1 Order of the Eastern Star. She taught Sunday School at St. Archangel Michael Serbian Orthodox Church in South Chicago for nine years when she was younger, and loved doing arts and crafts, including oil painting.

Special thanks to her loving and devoted caregiver for the past two years, Esther Akinyi.

Funeral arrangements by Kompare Funeral Home/Bob Oberman. Visitation on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at St. Archangel Michael Serbian Orthodox Church, 1550 E. 186th St., Lansing, Illinois beginning at 9:00 am, to be followed by the Orthodox Funeral Service at 10:00 am. Very Reverend Father Dr. Milos Vesin presiding. Interment at Cedar Park Cemetery, 12540 Halsted St., Chicago. Memorial donations can be made to St. Archangel Michael Serbian Orthodox Church or the charity of your choice.

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Karkazis, Helen

Helen N. Karkazis née Nickolaou, age 88, fell asleep in the Lord April 8, 2023. Beloved wife of George T. Karkazis. Loving mother of Frank and Harry (Alexa) Karkazis. Devoted daughter of Harry Nickolaou and Betty Pontikes. Proud grandmother of Frank, Karlee, Eleni, George, Nicole and Sophee. Fond aunt of the Logothetis, Anast, Skizas, Pontikes, and Nickolaou families. Helen got her Master's degree in music from DePaul University and is a former President of the SAI Music Fraternity. She was in the Saints Peter & Paul choir for over 40 years and was an active supporter of the musical events at the Northbrook Public Library. Originally a Chicago Public School teacher, Helen transitioned to a private piano and voice teacher at her home where she taught dozens of kids for years and developed life changing bonds with many of her students/families who attended her funeral. Funeral Services were held Thursday April 13, 2023 at Saints Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church, Glenview, IL. Interment followed at Elmwood Cemetery, River Grove, IL. Memorial donations to Saints Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church or Northbrook Public Library Foundation: Memo Helen Karkazis would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Memory Eternal Funeral Directors, Ltd.** (847) 375-0095.

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Kinsella, Thomas Griffin

January 1949 – April 2023

Thomas passed away after a long battle with cancer on April 5, 2023 in New York, NY. Born in Solvay, NY, he graduated from Solvay High School where he was a letterman in cross country, track and wrestling. He was the seventh of eleven children.

He is predeceased by his son Carlos Hernandez Gomez, his father Charles Joseph, his mother Mary Rose, his brothers Michael Kinsella, Charles Kinsella Jr., and Joseph Kinsella (Diane) He is survived by his beloved wife of 41 years Myrna Gomez Kinsella, his son Jason Hernandez (Lori), grandchildren; Ava Hernandez, Sophie Hernandez, Sisters; Sister Rose Marie, Mary Margret Carroll (Thomas) Eileen Collins (Michael) Karen Birzell (Bob), Elizabeth Harris, and brothers Martin Kinsella (Ruth), and John Kevin Kinsella and fifty-six nieces and nephews.

He served his country proudly in the United States Army including two tours of duty in the Vietnam War. He continued his service to our country for over 20 years and was honorably discharged as a Master Sergeant.

Tom pursued his life-long love of learning, obtaining his Bachelors and Masters degrees in Public Policy and he continued to challenge himself, running the Chicago marathon twice and learning to play the guitar, fiddle and tin whistle. Tom was also an adventurous soul, riding his Harley three times to the Sturgis, South Dakota Motorcycle Rally.

Tom lived a life of deep faith and service and was an active member of St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Chicago where he served on the Parish Council, as a Eucharistic Minister and also as a Catechist. A proud and devoted father, Tom instilled his deep sense of service and adventure in his boys, including serving as their Boy Scout leader.

After retiring, Tom and Myrna moved to Brooklyn, NY to be closer to his beloved granddaughters, Ava and Sophie; with whom he also shared his lifelong love of learning and adventure. He could often be found reading them the NY Times kids section, patiently helping with homework or shuttling them to numerous activities.

There will be a celebration of life in Chicago, Ill. at St. Teresa of Avila Church on April 29, 2023 with a visitation from 10AM to 12PM and a memorial mass to follow. There will also be a memorial service at St. Cecilia's Church in Solvay, NY on May 13, 2023 at 4PM. Receptions will follow both services.

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Murphy, Elizabeth N 'Beth'

Elizabeth "Beth" N Murphy nee Newell beloved wife of the late James Murphy; loving stepmother of James (Jeanette) and Brian (Jaime); grand Beth of Miles, Molly, Max and Maeve; cherished sister of Frank (Janet) Newell, Susan (John) O'Connell and David (Christine) Newell; treasured aunt and great aunt of Frankie, Arien, Johnny, Danny, Lilly, Cato, Samson and Joey; dear friend and cousin to many. Proprietor of Murphy's Bleachers and Mrs. Murphy and Sons. In lieu of flowers please make memorials in Beth's name to Nourishing Hope nourishinghopechi.org and Common Pantry commonpantry.org . A celebration of life will be held at Murphy's Bleachers on Saturday April 29th 1:20 pm till 5:00 pm. Visitation Friday April 28th 3:00 to 8:00 pm at Grein Funeral Directors 2114 W Irving Park Rd, 773-588-6336 or greinfuneraldirectors.com. Interment Private

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Mahoney, Eileen

Eileen Mahoney, 82, of Oak Forest, IL passed away on Saturday April 22, 2023. Eileen was the loving daughter to the late Margaret and John Mahoney. Eileen was the caring sister to Margaret (James) Griffin and the late Mary Ann Duhig. Eileen will be missed by all, especially by her nieces and nephews.

Funeral wake will be held at St. Emily Catholic Church on Friday April 28, 2023, from 10am-11am located at 1400 E. Central Rd, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Immediately followed by a funeral mass at 11am. Burial will take place at Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery at 1:30pm located at 6001 W. 11th St. #6072, Alsip, IL 60803.

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Papasideris, Katherine

Katherine (Koulos) Papasideris, 87, of Sugar Grove, formerly of Bristol, passed away suddenly on April 24, 2023, at her home. She was born in Geneva, IL on March 12, 1936, to the late James and Anastasia (Georgopoulos) Koulos.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Stamos, her son John, her sister. Theodora and brother-in-law Peter Stamatopoulos, her brother Peter and sister-in-law Dorris Koulos, her brother Rev. Lewis George and sister-in-law Martha, sister-in-law Aspasia Koulos, her beloved cat Snoopy, and other relatives both in the U.S. and in Greece.

She is survived by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Angela and Randy Dierking of Sugar Grove, IL, her brother Harry Koulos, and two godsons, Dean Andrews and Mike Stamatopoulos, also, many cousins, nieces, nephews, and other relatives here in the U.S. and in Greece, and a whole world of great friends.

Katherine was a founding member of St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church of Aurora in 1965 and St. Athanasios Ladies Philoptochos serving as President and Secretary several times. She was a very active Mother while her children were at Bristol Grade School, receiving the PTA. Lifetime Membership Award in 1978. She was very well-known for baking Melomakarona (a Greek cookie) which she baked for the Aurora Greek Fest and many other occasions. She enjoyed weaving squares of variegated yarn into beautiful afghans which she gave to relatives and friends as a gift of love.

Visitation will be at St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church, 1855 E. Fifth Ave, Aurora, IL on Saturday April 29, from 9am to 11am with funeral services immediately following at 11am.Burial will take place in the St. Athanasios section of Lincoln Memorial Park in Aurora.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church.

Arrangements were handled by **The Healy Chapel**, Sugar Grove, IL. To sign the online guestbook please visit www.healychapel.com 630-466-1330.

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Robson MD, Martin C.

Dr. Martin Robson, 84, passed away on April 15, 2023. He was born in Lancaster, Ohio on March 8, 1939 to the late Martin and Agnes Robson. Martin is survived by his wife Leslie, daughter Karen Jacobson (Ty Arends), sons Douglas Robson (Anne) and Martin C. Robson III (Jacque), sister Carolyn Schwem, and seven grandchildren (Meghan Dabkowski [Ben], Brendan Robson, Brett Jacobson, Dillon Jacobson, Kevin Robson, Colin Robson and Evan Robson). His brother, Dr. William Robson, preceded him in death.

Martin attended Northwestern University and received his undergraduate and medical degrees from Johns Hopkins University. He completed his general surgery residency at the Brooke Army Medical Center and his plastic surgery residency at Yale University.

Martin was a dedicated surgeon with a passion for helping others and advancing the standard of treatments, specifically for burn patients. He was also a proud veteran and served two terms in the United States Army achieving the rank of Colonel.

Throughout his career, he served as Chief of Plastic Surgery at the University of Chicago, Wayne State University, the University of Texas Medical Branch and was an Emeritus Professor at the University of South Florida. An internationally recognized leader in the fields of burns and wound healing, he was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and held Honorary Fellowships from the Royal College of Surgeons of England and the Royal Australian College of Surgeons. Martin served as President of the American Burn Association, the North American Burn Society, the Wound Healing Society and the Association of Academic Chairmen of Plastic Surgery. He was the recipient of many honors including the American Burn Association's Distinguished Service Award and the Wound Healing Society's Lifetime Scientific Achievement Award. He also received Lifetime Scientific Achievement Awards from the Association of Advanced Wound Care and the World Union of Wound Healing Societies.

Martin held Chairman positions for the American Board of Plastic Surgery, the Residency Review Committee for Plastic Surgery and the Plastic Surgery Research Council. Martin authored over 650 publications, mostly devoted to wound healing, wound infection, burns, and proliferative scarring, and was a named inventor on numerous patents related to plastic surgery and wound care. He served as a visiting professor at over 50 universities throughout the world.

Martin was a proud husband, father and grandfather and enjoyed cheering on the Ohio State Buckeyes.

A memorial service will be at Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Illinois on June 5, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. CDT with a lunch reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Plastic Surgery Research Council Baronio Research Fund (www.ps-rc.org/baronio).

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Rubens, Sheri L.

Sheri L. Rubens (nee Berniger), 50, April 24, 2023; cherished mother of Zack, Ashley, and Leah; loved wife of Jason; adored daughter of Howard (the late Myra) Berniger; wonderful sister of Jamie (David) Reiter; much loved aunt of Abigail and Marah Reiter; dear niece of the late Michael Chase; fond daughter in-law of Bonnie Stern and Larry Rubens. Sheri loved swimming, was highly involved in community groups, but her greatest passion was being a dedicated mother to her children. Memorial donations in her honor can be made to the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org/donate. Chapel service, Friday, April 28, 2023, 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home** 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. For the link to view the service, shiva information and to leave condolences: www.shalommemorial.org or (847) 255-3520.

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Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation To the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in The State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook **County File No. Y23010429** on the **Date: April 11, 2023**
Under the Assumed Name of: **VOLLMAN REAL ESTATE**
with the business located at:
56 CHICAGO AVE
OAK PARK, IL, 60302
The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **DANIEL MURRAY VOLLMAN**
1130 COLUMBIAN AVE
OAK PARK, IL, 60302
4/20, 4/27, & 5/4/23 7418592

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
April 27, 2023
CITY OF CHICAGO
DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES

The Bidder must complete and submit an Electronic Bid prior to the bid due date. An electronic bid must be submitted through the City of Chicago's website at www.cityofchicago.org/eprocurement, on or before the due date and time stated below. The City's system will not accept electronic bids after the due date and time. Bidders must register for a log-in account to submit an electronic bid. Please allow up to three business days for creation of your log-in account. Paper bids will not be accepted. All Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following:

DESCRIPTION: **Dead Animal Removal and Cremation Services**
DEPARTMENT: **Animal Care and Control**
TYPE: **Work Services**

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NOTICE OF ADDENDUM: Addendum #1 will be e-mailed to all bidders on the Bid Opportunity Take-Out List

SPECIFICATION NO: **667053**
RFQ NO: **8984,1**
ORIGINAL BID OPENING DATE:
June 8, 2023
REVISED BID OPENING DATE:
June 22, 2023 Per Addendum #1
TIME: **11:00 am**., Central Time

CONTACT Kenya Harrison-Bonner, Procurement Specialist
Email:
Kenya.Harrison-Bonner@cityofchicago.org
Pub: 4/27/2023 7423196

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CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES NOTICE OF TIME EXTENSION AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Notice is hereby given that the opening date heretofore advertised as Thursday, April 27, 2023 has been extended to Thursday, May 11, 2023 no later than 3:30 P.M. for the following items
Req No.: B23OP04567
Request for Proposals (RFP) – for mobile collection services for drug & alcohol testing for a period of up to three years with two one-year options.
PROPOSAL GUARANTEE: NONE
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CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
By: Ellen G. McCormack
Vice President
Purchasing & Supply Chain
April 27, 2023
4/27/2023 7423287

LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF COOK

In the matter of the revision of the assessment of Real Property for 2023:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Section 14-35 of the Illinois Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/14-35) that the Assessor of Cook County will sit for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2023 assessment of Real Property located in the following township(s) or taxing district(s) in Cook County.

BERWYN

Identified also as Area(s) 16, under the Permanent Real Estate Index Numbering System of Cook County.

The last date within which applications for revisions of assessment (Real Estate Assessed Valuation Appeals) may be filed for consideration at such sitting is May 24, 2023.

Such sitting will be held at the office of the Assessor of Cook County, Room 301, in the County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, and will continue thereafter from day to day as necessary until all such revisions in said township(s) or taxing district(s) have been completed.

Done by the Assessor of Cook County this 27th day of April, 2023.

FRITZ KAEGI
ASSESSOR OF COOK COUNTY
April 27, 2023 - 7423661

NOTICE

METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

CONTRACT 11-187-3F

ADDISON CREEK CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTS, SSA

Notice is hereby given that the bid opening for the above-cited contract has been changed from Tuesday, May 2, 2023, to **Tuesday, May 23, 2023**. Further information is included in Addendum 6 dated April 25, 2023 which has been posted to **www.mwrd.org.**

Darlene A. LoCascio
Director of Procurement
and Materials Management
Chicago, Illinois
Pub: 04/27/23 7423635

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will be accepting applications for the following classification(s):

Assistant Chief Operating Engineer (Promotional)

Application Filing Period: April 21, 2023 through May 5, 2023. **Examination Date:** May 24-25, 2023. **Location:** MWRD Main Office Building Annex, 111 East Erie Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Assistant Chief Operating Engineer practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under general supervision, supervises and participates in the operation and maintenance of treatment plant or pumping station equipment within a sewage treatment plant complex. **Salary:** $97,826.30 per year

Associate Electrical Engineer (Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: April 21, 2023 through May 5, 2023. **Examination Date:** June 3, 2023. **Location:** Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Associate Electrical Engineer practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under general supervision, performs ordinary electrical engineering work in connection with electrical design, construction, maintenance, and operations. **Salary:** $88,148.32 per year

Plumber (Original)

Application Filing Period: April 21, 2023 through May 5, 2023. **Examination Date:** June 3, 2023. **Location:** Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Plumber practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under supervision, performs skilled manual work in connection with the installation, alteration, maintenance and repair of water, waste, sewage, and drainage pipes, plumbing fixtures and accessories. **Salary:** $54.80 per hour

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 7:00 P.M., the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Wilmette will conduct a public hearing in the Council Chambers of Village Hall, 1200 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois when matter listed below will be considered:

2023-Z-13 3555 Lake Avenue

A request by Wilmette Park District for a modification and expansion of existing special uses for a park/playground and for a recreation center as provided for in ordinance 2022-O-29 to permit the modification and expansion of the operation of the paddle tennis court facilities on the property identified as Property Index Number 05-31-105-028-0000.

2022-Z-57 1326 Wilmette Avenue

A revised request by Andris Andersons and Evita Gailuma for a special use for an accessory structure in excess of 200 square feet to permit the construction of an accessory structure (shed) on the property identified as Property Index Number 05-34-108-020-0000.

Reinhard Schneider, Chairman	
Brad Falkof	Ryrie Pellaton
Didier Glattard	Bob Surman
Christine Norrick	Maria Urban

(Constituting the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Wilmette, Illinois)

If you are a person with a disability and need special accommodations to participate in and/or attend a Village of Wilmette public meeting, please notify the Village Manager's Office at (847) 853-7509 or TDD 7-1-1 as soon as possible.

Published this 27th day of April 2023 in the Chicago Tribune.
4/27/23 7422161

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4/27/2023 7423868

LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF COOK

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Section 14-35 of the Illinois Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/14-35) that the Assessor of Cook County will sit for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2023 assessment of Real Property located in the following township(s) or taxing district(s) in Cook County.

ROGERS PARK

Identified also as Area(s) 10,11 under the Permanent Real Estate Index Numbering System of Cook County.

The last date within which applications for revisions of assessment (Real Estate Assessed Valuation Appeals) may be filed for consideration at such sitting is May 25, 2023.

Such sitting will be held at the office of the Assessor of Cook County, Room 301, in the County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, and will continue thereafter from day to day as necessary until all such revisions in said township(s) or taxing district(s) have been completed.

Done by the Assessor of Cook County this 27th day of April, 2023.

FRITZ KAEGI
ASSESSOR OF COOK COUNTY
April 27, 2023 - 7423786

LEGAL NOTICES

Fulton Technologies Inc. is proposing to construct two temporary 110 ft monopole telecommunications tower facilities (120.5-ft to highest appurtenance) located adjacent to each other at 2751 Ashland Ave., Evanston, Cook Co., IL 60201. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending comments to: Project #6123002846 and #6123002848 - ENB
EBI Consulting, 6876 Susquehanna Trail South, York, PA 17403, or at (407)792-9506.
04/27/20237423722

FORECLOSURES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION FIFTH THIRD BANK, N. A., Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JERRY BANKS AKA JERRY D. BANKS; QUINCY B. BANKS, AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF JERRY D. BANKS; PHYLICIA BANKS; MARCUS BANKS; QUINCY B. BANKS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s). CASE NO. 2022CH05482 Property Address: 8313 S. Wabash Ave. Chicago, IL 60619 Robles Calendar Chancery/Foreclosure Calendar 59 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JERRY BANKS AKA JERRY D. BANKS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS ; MARCUS BANKS; , defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 25 IN CRAMER'S SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 1, 2, AND 3 IN DAWSON'S SUBDIVISION OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 2/3 OF THE NORTH 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 20-34-301-014-0000 Said property is commonly known as 8313 S. Wabash Ave. , Chicago, IL 60619 and which said mortgage(s) was/were made and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 1306755084, and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before MAY 22, 2023, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563 Telephone: (630) 453-6960 Facsimile: (630) 428-4620 Attorney No. Cook 64727, DuPage 293191 Service E-mail: midwestpleadings@dallegal.com 8120-932118
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC F/K/A REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC. PLAINTIFF, v. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF HATTIE LEE CAIN, DECEASED; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS AGENCY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; PHYLLIS CAIN; GERALD NORDGREN, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ESTATE OF HATTIE LEE CAIN, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; DEFENDANTS. CASE NO.: 2022CH10428 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 5426 S. PRINCETON AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60609 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: PHYLLIS CAIN UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF HATTIE LEE CAIN, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS that Plaintiff commenced this case in the Circuit Court of Cook County against you and other defendants, for foreclosure of a certain mortgage lien recorded against the real estate described as follows: THE SOUTH EAST 1/4 OF LOT 29 IN BLOCK 2 IN KEDZIE SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Common Address: 5426 S. PRINCETON AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60609 PIN: 20-09-416-067-0000 Said mortgage was executed by HATTIE LEE CAIN, as mortgagor(s) and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR URBAN FINANCIAL GROUP, as mortgagee, on 5/13/2009 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, Illinois as Document Number 0914833006. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Unless you file your Appearance and Answer/Response in this case in the office of the clerk of this court by 5/22/2023 A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OR DECREEE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED FOR IN THE PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT. Chad Lewis 6306439 Robertson Anschutz Schneid Crane & Partners, PLLC Firm ID: 65582 205 N. Michigan Suite 810 Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: (561) 241-6901 E-mail: ILmail@raslg.com File: 22-072858 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. 8120-932123
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JAMES R. NEBLETT; ANTHONY J. NEBLETT; KRYSTEL JORDON; THEODORE NEBLETT A/K/A THEO NEBLETT; LAVON NEBLETT AKA DONTAY NEBLETT; KIMBERLEE NEBLETT AKA KIM NEBLETT; JAMES RAY NEBLETT II; JUDY NEBLETT SANDERS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s). CASE NO. 2023CH00767 Property Address: 7028 S. Parnell Avenue Chicago, IL 60621 Cocozza Calendar Chancery/Foreclosure Calendar 58 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JAMES R. NEBLETT; THEODORE NEBLETT A/K/A THEO NEBLETT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; , defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 6 IN BLOCK 5 IN BECKS SUBDIVISION OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 20-21-325-011-0000 Said property is commonly known as 7028 S. Parnell Avenue , Chicago, IL 60621 and which said mortgage(s) was/were made and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0816111034 and Scrivener's Error Affidavit recorded as Doc. No. 2235622005, and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before MAY 22, 2023, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563 Telephone: (630) 453-6960 Facsimile: (630) 428-4620 Attorney No. Cook 64727, DuPage 293191 Service E-mail: midwestpleadings@dallegal.com 8120-932115
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TO: Wilson Torres, Wilson Torres, and Wilson Torres; City of Chicago - Corporation Counsel, City of Chicago - City Clerk, State of Illinois Department of Revenue, State of Illinois Department of Revenue, Attorney General for the State of Illinois Department of Revenue, La Bomba Food Restaurant, Inc. c/o Hector G. Borquez, and La Bomba Food Restaurant, Inc. c/o Hector G. Borquez; Occupant;; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000199 FILED April 17, 2023 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: November 18, 2022 Certificate No. 20-0007997 Sold for General Taxes of 2020, (2015 2nd, 2017 2nd, 2019 2nd) Sold for Special Assessment of [municipality and special assessment no.] None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1116 North Ridgeway Avenue , Chicago, IL 60651 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-02-304-038-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on September 20, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before September 20, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on September 27, 2023, at 9:30 AM You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before September 20, 2023, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: April 19, 2023
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TO: David Ashton Schatz and David Ashton Schatz; City of Chicago - City Clerk and City of Chicago - Corporation Counsel; Occupant;; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000198 FILED April 17, 2023 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: November 18, 2022 Certificate No. 20-0008007 Sold for General Taxes of 2020, 2014 1st & 2nd, 2015 1st & 2nd, 2016 1st & 2nd, 2017 1st & 2nd, 2018 1st & 2nd, 2019 1st & 2nd Sold for Special Assessment of [municipality and special assessment no.] None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1053 North Lawndale Avenue , Chicago, IL 60651 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-02-315-041-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on September 20, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before September 20, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on September 27, 2023, at 9:30 AM You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before September 20, 2023, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: April 19, 2023
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TO: IT Investments, LLC, IT Investments, LLC, Sung J. Song as R/A for IT Investments, LLC, Sung J. Song as R/A for IT Investments, LLC, Sook J. Song as Manager for IT Investments, LLC, Sook J. Song as Manager for IT Investments, LLC, and Illinois Secretary of State for IT Investments, LLC; City of Chicago - City Clerk and City of Chicago - Corporation Counsel; Occupant;; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000196 FILED April 17, 2023 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: May 17, 2022 Certificate No. 19-0005088 Sold for General Taxes of 2019, (2014 1st & 2nd, 2015 1st & 2nd, 2016 1st & 2nd, 2017 1st & 2nd, 2018 1st & 2nd General) Sold for Special Assessment of [municipality and special assessment no.] None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 901 North Lawndale Avenue , Chicago, IL 60651 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-02-323-022-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on September 20, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before September 20, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on September 27, 2023, at 9:30 AM You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before September 20, 2023, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: April 19, 2023
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TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Co., as Successor Trustee to American National Bank and Trust Co., u/t/a 12475703 10 S. LaSalle St., - Suite 2750 Chicago, IL 60624 Chicago Title Land Trust Co., as Successor Trustee to American National Bank and Trust Co., u/t/a 12475703 3124 W. Roosevelt Rd. Chicago, IL 60612 Roosevelt Towers 3500 W. Roosevelt Rd. Chicago, IL 60624 Roosevelt Towers 3124 W. Roosevelt Rd. Chicago, IL 60612 Troy Townhouse Associates - Dissolved Limited Partnership c/o Cecil Carter Butler 3500 W. Roosevelt Rd. Chicago, IL 60624 Troy Townhouse Associates - Dissolved Limited Partnership c/o Cecil Carter Butler 1130 S. Troy St. - Apt. D Chicago, IL 60612 Cecil Carter Butler 1103 Autumn Dr. Crystal Lake, IL 60014 Cecil Carter Butler 3124 W. Roosevelt Rd. Chicago, IL 60612 Cecil Carter Butler 3001 S. King Dr. - Apt. 1511 Chicago, IL 60616 Troy Townhouse Associates - Dissolved Limited Partnership c/o Secretary of State – Business Services 69 W. Washington St. - #1240 Chicago, IL 60602 Troy Townhouse Associates - Dissolved Limited Partnership c/o Secretary of State – Business Services 3124 W. Roosevelt Rd. Chicago, IL 60612 Ada Real Estate, LLC c/o Judd Harris 933 W. VanBuren - Ste. 304 Chicago, IL 60607 Ada Real Estate, LLC c/o Haney Khalil 5150 W. Chicago Ave. Chicago, IL 60651 City of Chicago c/o City Clerk 121 N. LaSalle Street - Room 107 Chicago, IL 60602 City of Chicago c/o Corporate Counsel 121 N. LaSalle Street - Room 600 Chicago, IL 60602 County Clerk of COOK County, Illinois 118 N. Clark Street - Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000170 FILED: March 24, 2023 TAKE NOTICE County of COOK Date Premises Sold May 17, 2022 Certificate No. 19-0005324 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 3124 W ROOSEVELT RD., CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-13-325-036-0000, Volume 558 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on September 20, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before September 20, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago, IL 60602 on October 18, 2023 at 9:30 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before September 20, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of COOK County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark St., Ste. 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 FINDING JUSTICE A FLOWER AND VEGETABLE GARDEN, LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated March 24, 2023
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TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Co., as Successor Trustee to American National Bank and Trust Co., u/t/a 12475703 10 S. LaSalle St., - Suite 2750 Chicago, IL 60624 Chicago Title Land Trust Co., as Successor Trustee to American National Bank and Trust Co., u/t/a 12475703 3124 W. Roosevelt Rd. Chicago, IL 60612 Roosevelt Towers 3500 W. Roosevelt Rd. Chicago, IL 60624 Roosevelt Towers 3124 W. Roosevelt Rd. Chicago, IL 60612 Troy Townhouse Associates - Dissolved Limited Partnership 1130 S. Troy St. - Apt. D Chicago, IL 60612 Troy Townhouse Associates - Dissolved Limited Partnership 3124 W. Roosevelt Rd. Chicago, IL 60612 Cecil Carter Butler 1103 Autumn Dr. Crystal Lake, IL 60014 Cecil Carter Butler 3124 W. Roosevelt Rd. Chicago, IL 60612 Cecil Carter Butler 3001 S. King Dr. - Apt. 1511 Chicago, IL 60616 Troy Townhouse Associates - Dissolved Limited Partnership c/o Secretary of State – Business Services 3124 W. Roosevelt Rd. Chicago, IL 60612 Troy Townhouse Associates - Dissolved Limited Partnership c/o Secretary of State – Business Services 69 W. Washington St. - #1240 Chicago, IL 60602 Ada Real Estate, LLC c/o Haney Khalil 5150 W. Chicago Ave. Chicago, IL 60651 Ada Real Estate, LLC c/o Judd Harris 933 W. VanBuren - Ste. 304 Chicago, IL 60607 City of Chicago c/o Corporate Counsel 121 N. LaSalle Street - Room 600 Chicago, IL 60602 City of Chicago c/o City Clerk 121 N. LaSalle Street - Room 107 Chicago, IL 60602 County Clerk of COOK County, Illinois 118 N. Clark Street - Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000171 FILED: March 27, 2023 TAKE NOTICE County of COOK Date Premises Sold May 17, 2022 Certificate No. 19-0005325; 19-0005326 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 3118-3122 W ROOSEVELT RD., CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-13-325-037-0000; 16-13-325-038-0000, Volume 558 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on September 20, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before September 20, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago, IL 60602 on October 18, 2023 at 9:30 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before September 20, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of COOK County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark St., Ste. 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 FINDING JUSTICE A FLOWER AND VEGETABLE GARDEN, LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated March 27, 2023
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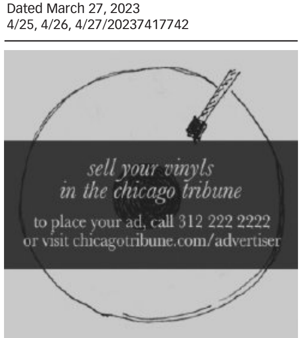

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TO: Miriam Moore Hunter, Miriam M. Hunter, Joyce Hunter-Winston a/k/a Joyce Hunter, Hillari Jerene Hunter a/k/a Hillari Hunter, Joyce Hunter-Winston a/k/a Joyce Hunter, and Joyce Hunter-Winston a/k/a Joyce Hunter; Hampton Realty and Associates; Occupant;; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000197 FILED April 17, 2023 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: May 17, 2022 Certificate No. 19-0005498 Sold for General Taxes of 2019, 2016 2nd, 2017 1st & 2nd, 2018 1st & 2nd Sold for Special Assessment of [municipality and special assessment no.] None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 2112 South Spaulding Avenue , Chicago, IL 60623 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-23-426-019-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on September 20, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before September 20, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on September 27, 2023, at 9:30 AM You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before September 20, 2023, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: April 19, 2023
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TO: Taxpayer of and Jorge Rodriguez; Cook County Land Bank Authority; Occupant;; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000201 FILED April 17, 2023 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: November 18, 2022 Certificate No. 20-0008692 Sold for General Taxes of 2020, (2018 1st & 2nd, 2019 1st & 2nd) Sold for Special Assessment of [municipality and special assessment no.] None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 2227 North Keeler Avenue , Chicago, IL 60639 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-27-204-017-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on September 20, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before September 20, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on September 27, 2023, at 9:30 AM You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before September 20, 2023, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: April 20, 2023
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TO: John F. Patka c/o Skylark Motel, Frank Patka, Joanne Patka, Unknown Heirs & Devisees for the Estate of Joseph J. Patka, Taxpayer of, John Patka, John Patka, and Joanne Patka; City of Chicago - Corporation Counsel and City of Chicago - City Clerk; Occupant;; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000200 FILED April 17, 2023 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: February 23, 2022 Certificate No. 21S-0005024 Sold for General Taxes of 2011-2018 Sold for Special Assessment of [municipality and special assessment no.] None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 3716 West 49th Street , Chicago, IL 60632 Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-11-112-029-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on September 20, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before September 20, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on September 27, 2023, at 9:30 AM You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before September 20, 2023, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: April 19, 2023
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TO: Juan C. Rodriguez 4733 S. Paulina St. Chicago, IL 60609 Rita I. Rodriguez 4733 S. Paulina St. Chicago, IL 60609 Juan C. Rodriguez 4624 S. Richmond St. Chicago, IL 60632 Juan C. Rodriguez 11189 Quintana Dr. El Paso, TX 79936 Juan C. Rodriguez 3741 W. 57th Place Chicago, IL 60629 Juan C. Rodriguez 4731 S. Paulina St. Chicago, IL 60609 Juan C. Rodriguez 6224 S. Campbell Ave. Chicago, IL 60629 Rita I. Rodriguez 6224 S. Campbell Ave. Chicago, IL 60629 Rita I. Rodriguez 3741 W. 57th Place Chicago, IL 60629 Rita I. Rodriguez 11189 Quintana Dr. El Paso, TX 79936 Rita I. Rodriguez 4624 S. Richmond St. Chicago, IL 60632 Rita I. Rodriguez 4731 S. Paulina St. Chicago, IL 60609 Unknown Occupants 4731 S. Paulina St. Chicago, IL 60609 Unknown Occupants 4733 S. Paulina St. Chicago, IL 60609 City of Chicago c/o City Clerk 121 N. LaSalle Street - Room 107 Chicago, IL 60602 City of Chicago c/o Corporate Counsel 121 N. LaSalle Street - Room 600 Chicago, IL 60602 U.S. Bank National Association U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee Successor in Interest to Bank of America, National Association as Trustee as Successor by Merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Certificateholders of Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities I LLC, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-HE3, Whose Address is 700 Kansas Lane, MC 8000, Monroe, LA 71203 (866)756-8747, It's Successors or Assigns, (Assignee) 425 Walnut Street Cincinnati, OH 45202 U.S. Bank National Association U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee Successor in Interest to Bank of America, National Association as Trustee as Successor by Merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Certificateholders of Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities I LLC, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-HE3, Whose Address is 700 Kansas Lane, MC 8000, Monroe, LA 71203 (866)756-8747, It's Successors or Assigns, (Assignee). 25 E. Washington Street Chicago, IL 60602 JUAN RODRIGUEZ 4733 S PAULINA CHICAGO, IL 60609 County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois 118 N. Clark Street - Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000153 FILED: March 10, 2023 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold February 23, 2022 Certificate No. 21S-0005104 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014-2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4733 S PAULINA ST, CHICAGO, IL 60609 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-07-206-019-0000, Volume 416 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on September 11, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before September 11, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Room 1704, in Chicago, Illinois 60602 on October 4, 2023 at 9:30 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before September 11, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 JUAN I. GONZALEZ Purchaser or Assignee Dated March 10, 2023
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TO: Christine Jabczynski 9747 S. Houston Ave. Chicago, IL 60617 Christine Jabczynski 18347 School Street Lansing, IL 60438 Christine Jabczynski 1900 Virginia Ave. - Apt. 1402 Fort Myers, FL 33901 Christine Jabczynski 12311 White Pine Lane Fort Myers, FL 33913 Unknown Occupants 9747 S. Houston Ave. Chicago, IL 60617 Marlene Kujawa Trust 2629 W. 103rd St. Chicago, IL 60655-1617 County Clerk of COOK County, Illinois 118 N. Clark Street - Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000154 FILED: March 10, 2023 TAKE NOTICE County of COOK Date Premises Sold May 16, 2022 Certificate No. 19-0003138 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at a vacant lot on the northeast corner of S. Houston Ave. and E. 98th St., commonly known as 9747 S. Houston Ave., Chicago, IL 60617 Legal Description or Property Index No. 26-06-427-017-0000, Volume 297 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on September 11, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before September 11, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago, IL 60602 on October 4, 2023 at 9:30 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before September 11, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of COOK County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark St., Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 Refugio Espino Purchaser or Assignee Dated March 10, 2023
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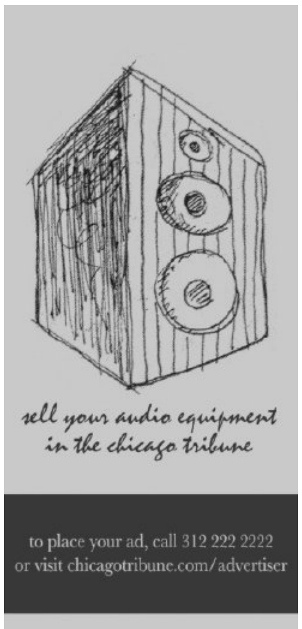
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AccuWeather Outlook: Clouds and sun. Partly cloudy tonight; a couple of showers in the south.

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night
High: 59 Low: 46	High: 51 Low: 44	High: 55 Low: 43	High: 50 Low: 39	High: 48 Low: 38	High: 53 Low: 43
Milder with clouds and sun	Cooler with times of clouds and sun	Mostly cloudy, a little rain; breezy	Mostly cloudy and breezy with a shower	Low clouds and chilly	Warmer with clouds and sunshine
POP: **10%**	POP: **20%**	POP: **80%**	POP: **40%**	POP: **25%**	POP: **20%**
Winds: **SE 7-14 mph**	Winds: **N 8-16 mph**	Winds: **W 10-20 mph**	Winds: **WNW 10-20 mph**	Winds: **NNE 8-16 mph**	Winds: **NNE 6-12 mph**

CHICAGO FORECAST

Thursday Conditions

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
AccuWeather.com UV Index™	2	4	7	7	3	1	0
RealFeel Temperature®	42	52	62	66	61	54	54

Thursday Activities

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
Golfing Index	5	7	9	10	9	7	6
Fishing Index	0	3	10	10	6	5	6

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Wednesday Temperatures

O'Hare through 4 p.m.

High	**52**
Low	**31**
Normal high	**63**
Normal low	**44**
Record high	**89** (1986)
Record low	**27** (2006)

Local Temperatures
through 6 p.m. Wednesday

Location	**Hi**	**Lo**	**Normal Hi**	**Normal Lo**
Aurora	54	30	65	41
Gary	45	38	64	44
Kankakee	56	29	65	43
Lansing	51	31	64	43
Midway	49	34	64	45
Romeoville	53	32	65	43
Valparaiso	51	33	66	43
Waukegan	46	28	60	40

Wednesday Precipitation

	2023	2022	Normal
Wednesday*	0.00"	0.00"	0.14"
Month to date	1.73"	3.73"	3.16"
Year to date	11.96"	10.88"	9.57"

*24-hour period ending 4 p.m. Wednesday

Pollen as of 4/21

Trees	Grass	Weeds	Mold
Moderate	Absent	Absent	Low

Source: National Allergy Bureau

Air Quality Index

Wednesday's reading

Good

Thursday's forecast

Moderate

Primary pollutant **Particulates**

Source: AirNow.gov

Sun and Moon

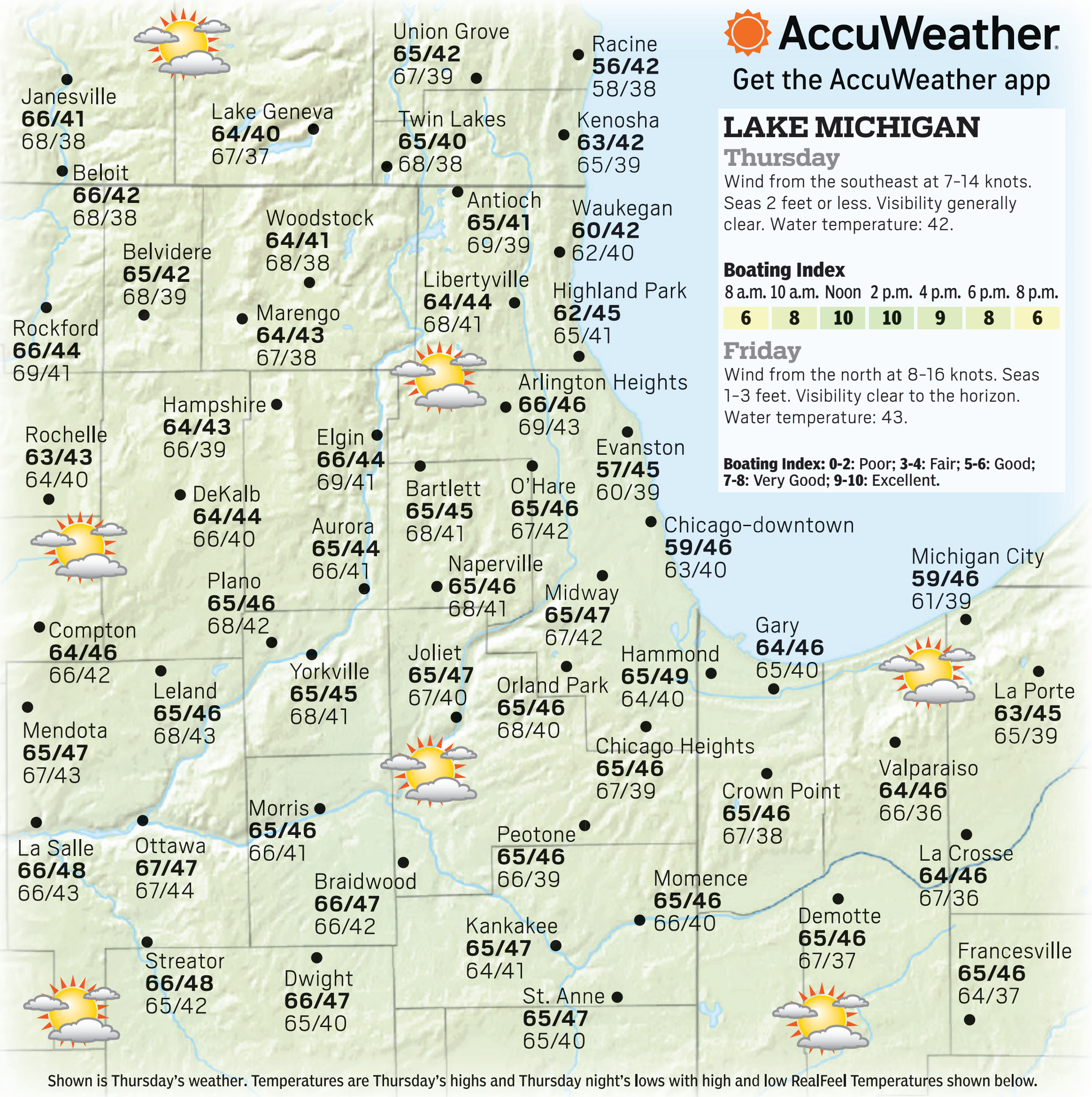
	Thu.	Fri.
Sunrise	5:53 a.m.	5:51 a.m.
Sunset	7:44 p.m.	7:45 p.m.
Moonrise	11:30 a.m.	12:33 p.m.
Moonset	2:26 a.m.	2:58 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Apr 27	May 5	May 12	May 19

Thursday's Planet Watch

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:02 a.m.	8:22 p.m.
Venus	7:56 a.m.	11:24 p.m.
Mars	10:06 a.m.	1:22 a.m.
Jupiter	5:30 a.m.	6:40 p.m.
Saturn	3:36 a.m.	2:23 p.m.

Best viewing times today: Venus: 8 p.m. Mars: 8 p.m. Jupiter: not visible Saturn: 5:25 a.m. Mercury: 8 p.m.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Thursday

Wind from the southeast at 7-14 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Visibility generally clear. Water temperature: 42.

Boating Index

8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
6	8	10	10	9	8	6

Friday

Wind from the north at 8-16 knots. Seas 1-3 feet. Visibility clear to the horizon. Water temperature: 43.

Boating Index: 0-2: Poor; **3-4:** Fair; **5-6:** Good; **7-8:** Very Good; **9-10:** Excellent.

Shown is Thursday's weather. Temperatures are Thursday's highs and Thursday night's lows with high and low RealFeel Temperatures shown below.

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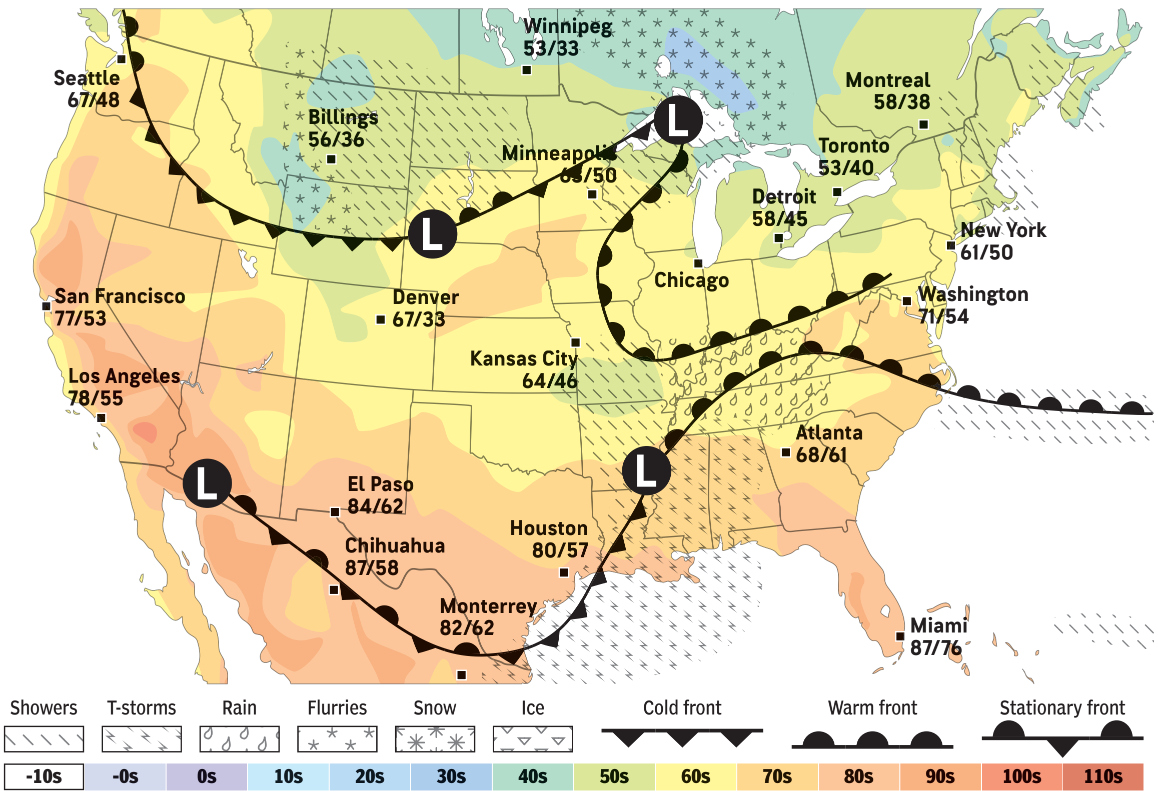
Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.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Peoria	65/48/pc	66/46/c
Quincy	65/48/r	70/47/c
Rockford	66/44/pc	67/45/c
Springfield	65/50/r	62/46/pc
Sterling	66/44/pc	68/46/pc
Indiana		
Bloomington	66/52/r	59/43/c
Evansville	63/54/r	63/46/c
Fort Wayne	64/45/pc	54/42/c
Indianapolis	65/50/r	57/43/pc
Lafayette	68/49/c	58/43/pc
South Bend	65/45/pc	55/39/r
Wisconsin		
Green Bay	61/40/sh	64/40/pc
Kenosha	63/42/pc	60/41/pc
La Crosse	69/45/sh	71/40/c
Madison	65/39/pc	68/43/c
Milwaukee	60/43/pc	59/43/pc
Wausau	61/43/sh	66/40/c
Michigan		
Detroit	58/45/pc	54/47/r
Grand Rapids	63/42/pc	55/42/c
Marquette	49/38/sh	48/35/c
Sault Ste. Marie	42/38/sh	58/42/c
Traverse City	60/38/pc	62/43/pc
Iowa		
Ames	71/44/c	68/41/c
Cedar Rapids	66/40/pc	69/42/c
Des Moines	70/47/c	66/43/c
Dubuque	65/40/c	67/43/c

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City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	76/57/s	81/45/t
Albany, NY	61/39/pc	63/47/pc
Albuquerque	76/49/s	58/40/sh
Amarillo	71/42/pc	50/35/pc
Anchorage	49/34/c	45/30/c
Asheville	62/54/r	73/53/sh
Aspen	53/29/pc	49/25/sn
Atlanta	68/61/t	76/57/sh
Atlantic City	59/53/pc	58/53/sh
Austin	81/52/pc	85/59/pc
Baltimore	69/54/pc	62/57/r
Billings	56/36/c	68/42/pc
Birmingham	70/61/t	77/54/sh
Bismarck	55/34/sh	56/39/c
Boise	73/44/pc	76/48/s
Boston	53/45/sh	58/46/pc
Brownsville	84/70/t	86/65/pc
Buffalo	59/45/s	57/50/sh
Burlington, VT	59/37/pc	66/49/s
Charleston, SC	77/65/pc	80/65/r
Charleston, WV	74/56/pc	70/52/r
Charlotte	66/60/pc	77/57/r
Chattanooga	65/60/r	75/54/sh
Cheyenne	59/29/t	50/36/sn
Cincinnati	67/54/r	65/48/sh
Cleveland	60/49/pc	61/48/r
Colorado Spgs	64/33/pc	54/35/sn
Columbia, MO	61/48/pc	67/48/c
Columbia, SC	74/62/pc	82/60/r
Columbus, OH	67/51/pc	65/49/r
Concord	59/33/c	67/40/c
Corpus Christi	85/65/t	84/63/s
Dallas	71/52/pc	79/54/s
Daytona Beach	83/68/t	80/69/t
Denver	67/33/pc	55/36/pc
Duluth	58/39/c	43/33/r
El Paso	84/62/s	83/47/s
Fairbanks	46/23/pc	53/27/c
Fargo	58/38/sh	52/34/c
Flagstaff	70/34/s	65/32/s
Fort Myers	89/72/t	88/72/t
Fort Smith	63/50/c	74/54/c
Fresno	92/63/s	96/64/s
Grand Junction	70/39/pc	62/38/s
Great Falls	53/35/r	70/37/s
Harrisburg	66/51/pc	57/53/r
Hartford	62/41/pc	63/47/pc
Helena, MT	54/32/r	70/40/s
Honolulu	82/72/r	84/74/sh
Houston	80/57/t	83/62/s
Int'l Falls	56/34/c	51/29/pc
Jackson, MS	76/60/t	78/56/pc
Jacksonville	83/65/t	83/67/t
Juneau	47/40/r	47/39/r
Kansas City	64/46/c	68/44/c
Las Vegas	90/69/s	90/65/s
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Nashville	63/59/r	71/51/sh
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New York City	61/50/pc	60/50/pc
Norfolk	70/58/sh	68/62/r
Oklahoma City	61/46/pc	63/46/sh
Omaha	71/50/c	56/38/r
Orlando	88/68/t	82/69/t
Palm Beach	86/73/t	87/72/t
Palm Springs	99/71/s	104/73/s
Philadelphia	67/51/pc	62/52/r
Phoenix	96/68/s	98/68/s
Pittsburgh	66/52/pc	62/50/r
Portland, ME	52/37/c	61/43/s
Portland, OR	76/52/s	85/54/s
Providence	55/42/c	61/45/pc
Raleigh	68/58/sh	72/58/r
Rapid City	62/35/c	58/39/sh
Reno	80/48/s	84/50/s
Richmond	73/55/c	64/58/r
Rochester	57/40/s	60/47/sh
Sacramento	92/55/s	92/55/s
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San Antonio	85/58/t	87/58/s
San Diego	70/59/s	72/59/s
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Santa Fe	70/40/pc	55/31/r
Savannah	79/65/pc	84/64/r
Seattle	67/48/s	78/54/s
Shreveport	74/53/sh	80/61/pc
Sioux Falls	69/46/t	54/34/r
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Tulsa	60/45/c	66/48/sh
Washington, DC	71/54/pc	64/55/r
Wichita	63/46/c	57/42/r
Wilkes-Barre	67/46/pc	60/50/sh
Yuma	98/67/s	101/70/s

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City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	87/72/s	88/71/s
Algiers	86/56/s	91/67/pc
Amsterdam	58/46/pc	56/45/sh
Ankara	57/43/t	50/37/r
Athens	69/51/pc	67/51/s
Auckland	67/54/pc	67/56/c
Baghdad	98/65/s	99/71/pc
Bangkok	97/81/t	98/83/t
Barbados	87/78/pc	87/77/sh
Barcelona	70/58/s	72/62/pc
Beijing	70/55/pc	80/50/s
Beirut	73/62/s	70/59/sh
Berlin	53/37/pc	57/48/r
Bermuda	73/63/pc	71/63/pc
Bogota	64/48/c	65/49/c
Brussels	59/49/pc	61/45/sh
Bucharest	59/39/pc	62/39/pc
Budapest	59/35/pc	63/47/pc
Bueno Aires	73/62/pc	76/64/s
Cairo	91/63/s	78/59/s
Cancun	88/78/c	88/78/s
Caracas	88/75/t	89/74/r
Casablanca	95/63/pc	93/63/pc
Copenhagen	52/36/pc	50/41/pc
Dublin	53/45/r	62/46/pc
Edmonton	58/40/pc	65/34/c
Frankfurt	60/44/pc	66/49/r
Geneva	67/53/pc	68/51/t
Guadalajara	90/52/pc	89/49/s
Havana	91/72/sh	90/73/pc
Helsinki	52/30/pc	52/32/sh
Hong Kong	78/72/c	81/75/t
Istanbul	54/48/t	58/48/pc
Jerusalem	76/56/s	67/49/pc
Johannesburg	77/57/s	79/58/t
Kabul	70/50/t	70/51/t
Kingston	88/78/pc	89/78/pc
Kyiv	48/41/r	55/37/pc
Lima	79/70/s	79/70/pc
Lisbon	87/60/pc	81/60/pc
London	57/52/r	65/46/pc
Madrid	89/55/pc	90/59/pc
Manila	94/80/pc	94/81/s
Mexico City	83/54/c	83/54/s
Monterrey	82/62/t	87/63/s
Montreal	58/38/pc	65/47/s
Moscow	66/49/r	56/40/c
Munich	58/41/sh	56/48/r
Nairobi	77/60/t	75/60/c
Nassau	86/74/pc	86/75/pc
New Delhi	97/73/pc	95/74/s
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Ottawa	58/37/pc	64/45/s
Panama City	93/71/pc	92/74/pc
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Prague	54/36/pc	57/48/r
Rio de Janeiro	82/72/t	79/73/sh
Riyadh	91/71/s	98/69/s
Rome	69/49/pc	70/53/pc
Santiago	68/49/pc	69/51/c
Seoul	67/44/s	69/57/pc
Singapore	89/78/t	89/78/t
Sofia	54/33/pc	60/36/s
Stockholm	46/29/pc	47/28/sh
Sydney	75/58/pc	79/64/s
Taipei	81/67/sh	90/71/pc
Tehran	80/63/pc	80/63/s
Tokyo	71/61/s	72/62/s
Toronto	53/40/s	53/46/r
Trinidad	87/78/pc	88/78/pc
Vancouver	59/46/s	65/50/s
Vienna	59/40/pc	63/50/r
Warsaw	53/33/pc	57/44/c
Winnipeg	53/33/c	50/33/pc

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BUSINESS

Smoque Steak, opening soon in Avondale, draws from barbecue beginnings with three-step cooking process

‘DIFFERENT KIND OF STEAKHOUSE’

By Louisa Chu | Chicago Tribune

When widely acclaimed Smoque BBQ broke the news about Smoque Steak in April 2022, what immediately became one of the most anticipated new restaurants in Chicago was scheduled to open six months later.

A full year later, carnivorous fans still wait for what owner Barry Sorkin described as a different kind of steakhouse in the Avondale neighborhood.

“It’s an idea we came up with pre-pandemic,” Sorkin said recently. “We developed what we think is a different and better way of making a steak.”

My early taste test revealed remarkably tender meat, cooked perfectly medium-rare, within a beautifully seared crust, indeed infused with smoke flavor.

So when will Smoque Steak open?

“We’re getting ready for some of our pre-opening events this week, and getting

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Owner Barry Sorkin expects the rib-eye, shown above at Smoque BBQ in 2022, to be the star at Smoque Steak. The Avondale steakhouse is expected to open before the end of May. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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> *— Aaron Klein, an Obama-era Treasury official now at the Brookings Institution*

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Silicon Valley Bank was shut down in March by regulators and put in control of the U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. **GETTY**

Regulators warned about losses before bank failures

By Austin Weinstein and Katanga Johnson
Bloomberg News

Months before Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank collapsed, U.S. financial regulators received warnings about how the industry’s mounting unrealized losses had the potential to spark a crisis.

In letters and calls from October through December, trade groups and lawmakers told senior agency officials that the losses undermined banks’ liquidity access and might hurt the economy.

The losses and the letters were public, but the issue wasn’t treated as a top priority or a harbinger of what transpired in March, according to four people involved in at least one of the calls. The attendees, who included regulators, didn’t want to be identified discussing private conversations.

The communications, including to Federal Reserve and Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. officials, were among the first indications to regulators that lenders, particularly regional and community banks, were coming under serious stress due to rising interest rates. They also raise questions about why the troubles at banks flew under the agencies’ radar. Michael Barr, the Fed’s vice chair for supervision, is leading an internal review of SVB’s oversight and regulation that’s due May 1.

“Regulators should have interpreted this as sign of a deeper structural problem,” Aaron Klein, an Obama-era Treasury official now at the Brookings Institution, said in an interview. “This should have told them to pull up a list of banks and credit unions that have increased their home loan bank borrowing the sharpest, and dig in deeper on what’s going on there.”

Stressed banks

The Independent Community Bankers of America and American Bankers Association had sounded the alarms as they sought a rule change that would allow stressed banks to maintain access to the Federal Home Loan Banks, lenders overseen by the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

“Without your immediate and proactive intervention and collaboration with FHFA in resolving this issue, community banks may soon be forced to realize what are now only unrealized losses — an unfortunate outcome that during unprecedented times could ignite itself to create a crisis,” Rebeca Romero Rainey, ICBA’s president, wrote in November to Barr and the heads of the FDIC, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

Regulators regularly receive requests from trade groups for rule changes. In this case, the appeals to the FHFA were denied, according to the housing finance regulator. Officials told the attendees at the meetings that if a bank were experiencing liquidity issues due to paper losses, it should contact its regulator individually, according to the four people.

The Fed, the FDIC and the OCC declined to comment. It’s unclear whether the bank crisis, which cost the FDIC’s deposit insurance fund about $23 billion, could have been avoided if the agencies had taken the recommended actions. Though regulators have stressed that the banking system is resilient, First Republic Bank on Monday reignited investors’ concerns after reporting a worse-than-anticipated drop in deposits in the first quarter.

Deposits have soared since March 2020, and U.S. banks invested billions of dollars in safe, interest-earning assets like Treasury bonds. When the Fed raised interest rates in 2022, those assets lost value.

Depending on how a bank accounted for these investments, those losses could reduce what counted as capital at the bank, under FHFA accounting rules. If this measure of capital turned negative, a bank would be cut off from accessing advances from the Federal Home Loan Banks unless it got a waiver from its regulator.

By late last year, the Fed’s hikes led to some banks having negative capital under the FHFA’s accounting, according to one of the people familiar with their situation.

For many banks, the FHLB system is a vital source of cash. To pay depositors who withdraw their cash in times of crisis, banks often get loans from the Federal Home Loan Banks. These loans, known as advances, are implicitly backed by the U.S. government, and they don’t carry the heavy stigma associated with borrowing from the Fed. For smaller banks, the FHLB and the Fed can be the only sources of quick cash.

‘Liquidity tool’

In October, the ABA and ICBA wrote a joint letter to the FHFA that asked for the housing finance regulator to change

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LAKE ZURICH

Trustees approve first TIF district

Panel hopes to attract more jobs, tax revenue to part of village’s industrial corridor

By Jesse Wright

The Lake Zurich Village Board approved the village’s first tax increment financing redevelopment agreement at the April 17 meeting, establishing the special tax district agreement in the village’s industrial corridor and hoping to attract more jobs and additional tax revenue to the area.

A TIF district uses property taxes collected in a specific area to redevelop that area for the purpose of attracting businesses, tourism, visitors and the like. Now, a company is looking to take advantage of the TIF for its manufacturing business.

“JGS Lake Zurich West LLC is requesting TIF assistance related to the implementation of a new manufacturing line at 550 Enterprise Parkway,” said Trustee Jonathan Sprawka. “The company is considering this location for manufacturing equipment upgrades which would increase the overall investment in the community and create eight to 10 full-time positions.”

JGS Lake Zurich West LLC at 550 Enterprise Parkway is a business under Geremarie, a medical tool manufacturing facility that has over two decades of history in the community, with sustained reinvestments in their building and operations.

“JGS Lake Zurich Wests’ total project costs for the new development … is no less than $8.5 million, including the cost of the land, site work, engineering and construction, permit fees, the installation of manufacturing line equipment and electric/gas utility connections,” Sprawka said. “The proposed TIF redevelopment proposal will help offset this significant investment cost with a rebate of $626,000 of future property taxes over several years.”

He said that offset is about 7.4% of the cost of the whole project.

Kyle Kordell, the deputy village clerk, fielded questions from the board and he said the move to approve the motion would be good for the town.

“I think this is a win-win for everyone,” he said, “It’s going to lead to more industry for Lake Zurich and more jobs in Lake Zurich.”

Later, in an email interview, Kordell told Pioneer Press this sort of redevelopment package offer is exactly the point of creating a TIF.

“This is an early win for Lake Zurich’s newly created industrial TIF district, exactly the sort of project this TIF was intended to support,” he said. “The Village is happy to throw our support behind Geremarie and Lake Zurich manufacturing.”

Kordell also pointed out that the tax investment to the project should net a benefit to the town overall.

“This unanimously-approved redevelopment agreement means more jobs in Lake Zurich, more manufacturing in Lake Zurich, more industrial square footage in Lake Zurich, and higher property values that benefit the schools, library, and other partner local governments that make Lake Zurich special,” he said.

Jesse Wright is a freelancer.

Microsoft-Activision deal hits major setback in UK

Antitrust regulators reject big merger, fear effect on Big Tech, cloud gaming

By Kelvin Chan
Associated Press

LONDON — British antitrust regulators on Wednesday blocked Microsoft's $69 billion purchase of video game maker Activision Blizzard, thwarting the biggest tech deal in history over worries that it would stifle competition for popular titles like Call of Duty in the fast-growing cloud gaming market.

The Competition and Markets Authority said in its final report that "the only effective remedy" to the substantial loss of competition "is to prohibit the Merger." The companies have vowed to appeal.

The all-cash deal announced 15 months ago faced stiff opposition from rival Sony, which makes the PlayStation gaming system, and also was being scrutinized by regulators in the U.S. and Europe over fears that it would give Microsoft and its Xbox console control of hit franchises like Call of Duty and World of Warcraft.

The U.K. watchdog's concerns centered on how the deal would affect cloud gaming, which streams to tablets, phones and other devices and frees players from buying expensive consoles and gaming computers. Gamers can keep playing major Activision titles, including mobile games like Candy Crush, on the platforms they typically use.

Cloud gaming has the potential to change the industry by giving people more choice over how and where they play, said Martin Colman, chair of the Competition and Markets Authority's independent expert panel investigating the deal.

"This means that it is vital that we protect competition in this emerging and exciting market," he said.

The decision underscores Europe's reputation as the global leader in efforts to rein in the power of Big Tech companies. A day earlier, the U.K. government unveiled draft legislation that would give regulators more power to protect consumers from online scams and fake reviews and boost digital competition.

The U.K. decision further dashes Microsoft's hopes that a favorable outcome could help it resolve a lawsuit brought by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission. A trial before the FTC's in-house judge is set to begin Aug. 2. The European Union's decision, meanwhile, is due May 22.

Activision lashed out, portraying the watchdog's decision as a bad signal to international investors in the United Kingdom at a time when the British economy faces severe challenges.

The California-based game maker said it would "work aggressively" with Microsoft to appeal, asserting that the move "contradicts the ambitions of the U.K." to be an attractive place for tech companies.

"We will reassess our growth plans for the U.K. Global innovators large and small will take note that — despite all its rhetoric — the U.K. is clearly closed for business," Activision said.

Redmond, Washington-based Microsoft also signaled it wasn't ready to give up.

"We remain fully committed to this acquisition and will appeal," President Brad Smith said in a statement. The decision discourages tech innovation and investment in Britain, he said.

Fiona Nakacwa and her neighbors say recent flooding near their homes in Uganda's Lwera wetlands started with sand mining activity. **AP**

Uganda balances the cost of sand

Mining fuels construction, but environmental concerns abound for people, animals

By Rodney Muhumuza
Associated Press

LWERA WETLAND, Uganda — The excavator grunts in the heart of the wetland, baring its teeth. There are trucks waiting to be loaded with sand, and more almost certainly on the way.

This is how it is here daily in Lwera — a central Ugandan region on the fringes of Lake Victoria: a near-constant demand for sand that's exerting pressure on a wetland that's home to locals and animals and feeds into Africa's largest freshwater lake.

Lwera is a breeding ground for fish, serves as a stop for migratory birds and can store vast amounts of planet-warming carbon dioxide underground. The wetland stretches more than 12 miles astride the highway from the Ugandan capital, Kampala, into the western interior. It has long been worked over by sand miners, both legal and illegal, motivated by demand from the construction industry.

Now all known corporate operations within the wetland have authorization to be there, giving them a measure of legitimacy that's frustrating environmental activists, local officials and others who say the mining activities must be stopped because they degrade the wetland.

Around the world, sand mining is big business, with 50 billion tons used globally each year — mostly for the construction industry, the United Nations Environment Program said in a report last year. It warned that the industry is "largely ungoverned," leading to erosion, flooding, saltier aquifers and the collapse of coastal defenses.

Healthy wetlands can help control local climate and flood risk, according to UNEP.

In Uganda, an ongoing construction boom mirrors trends in the wider region. Riverbeds and lake basins — public property — are often the scene of mining operations, although there also are private estates dug up for sand.

But while all wetlands around Lake Victoria are under threat from sand miners, the sand from Lwera is favored among builders for its coarse texture that's said to perform better in brickwork mortar.

Some builders are known to turn trucks back, rejecting the sand if they can't prove by feeling it that it's Lwera material.

At least two companies operate formally within Lwera: the Chinese-owned Double Q Co. Ltd. and Seroma Ltd. Both frequently face questions over their allegedly destructive activities there, and members of a parliamentary committee on natural resources threatened to shut them down after an unannounced visit earlier this year.

Both companies were open for business when The Associated Press visited earlier in April. Double Q officials declined to be interviewed at the site and didn't respond to questions.

A representative of Seroma Ltd., production manager Wahab Ssegane, defended their work, saying they have a permit, their operations are 6 miles from the lake and that they follow guidelines from the National Environment Management Authority.

NEMA has banned dredging within Lake Victoria but permits sand mining in the wetlands.

Companies caught degrading the environment face stiff financial penalties, said NEMA spokeswoman Naomi Namara.

But activists and some locals say no company should be permitted to operate in Lwera, even if it somehow is able to curb environmental concerns.

Central banker to Britons: You're worse off

By Eshe Nelson
The New York Times

LONDON — The Bank of England's chief economist has a harsh message for Britons: "Someone needs to accept that they're worse off."

Speaking on a podcast, Huw Pill said there had been a reluctance by workers and companies in Britain to accept they are poorer, primarily as a result of Europe's energy shock.

Instead, he said, workers are trying to pass along rising costs to employers by demanding higher wages, while companies are passing on their higher expenses to customers. That "pass-the-parcel game," he said, is generating inflation that could be persistent.

Pill, who is responsible for the analysis that the central bank uses to make its interest rate decisions, made the comments on an episode of "Beyond Unprecedented: The Post-Pandemic Economy," a podcast series by Columbia Law School, which was released Tuesday.

The remarks have fallen flat in Britain as the country has been grappling with a cost-of-living crisis for the past year. The annual rate of inflation has been stubbornly above 10% since last summer, much higher than in the U.S. and Western Europe. In response, the central bank has raised interest rates to 4.25%, the highest since 2008, with the effect of higher rates on mortgages and other loans.

Household energy bills are more than double what they were two years ago, while many households also struggle to afford groceries. Food inflation is about 19%, the highest annual pace of price increases in more than 45 years.

The comments were met with indignation.

"You need to accept you are poorer!" The Daily Mail splashed in large letters across its front page Wednesday, adding that Pill earned 190,000 pounds (about $237,000) a year. (Bank of England data showed that Pill was paid more than 88,000 pounds from September 2021, when he joined the bank, to the end of February 2022, with additional benefits, implying an annual salary of about 190,000 pounds.)

Railroad puts tab for Ohio crash at $387M

By Josh Funk
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Norfolk Southern expects February's fiery Ohio derailment to cost it $387 million, but that total will likely increase over time and that doesn't reflect how much the railroad's insurance companies will cover.

The railroad provided a detailed estimate of the cost of Feb. 3 derailment outside East Palestine, Ohio, on Wednesday along with first-quarter earnings. That derailment, and others since then, sparked a nationwide focus on railroad safety.

Regulators and members of Congress have proposed reforms like capping freight trains lengths and setting standards for the trackside detectors used to spot problems.

CEO Alan Shaw told Congress that he backs some proposals like enhanced standards for tank cars, but insists the data doesn't support other ideas like minimum two-person crews.

Norfolk Southern said it has already spent about $55 million to dig up and remove nearly 34,000 tons of contaminated soil and trucked away another 13.2 million gallons of tainted water.

Yet those who live near the derailment site close to the Ohio-Pennsylvania border are fearful of possible long-term health impacts even though officials say that repeated testing hasn't shown harmful levels of chemicals in the air or drinking water.

That estimate doesn't include money Norfolk Southern will put into funds to help cover any long-term health issues, protect drinking water and compensate residents for the loss in their property values because the details are still being worked out with Ohio's attorney general.

The railroad will also have to reimburse the Environmental Protection Agency for its oversight of the cleanup.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Wis. oil refinery to reopen in June

SUPERIOR, Wis. — Wisconsin's only oil refinery is on track to be fully operational in June, the facility's owner said Wednesday, after a $1.2 billion effort to rebuild the facility five years following an explosion that injured three dozen workers.

The 2018 explosion and subsequent fires at the facility in Superior, then owned by Calgary-based Husky Energy, also produced fears of a hydrofluoric acid leak, causing 2,500 people in the city to evacuate.

No acid leaked, but a tank in the facility spilled 17,000 barrels of hot asphalt that caught fire, sending up a plume of black smoke that released thousands of pounds of flammable hydrocarbon vapor.

The refinery is now owned by Calgary-based Cenovus Energy.

Tobacco firm hit with $635M fine

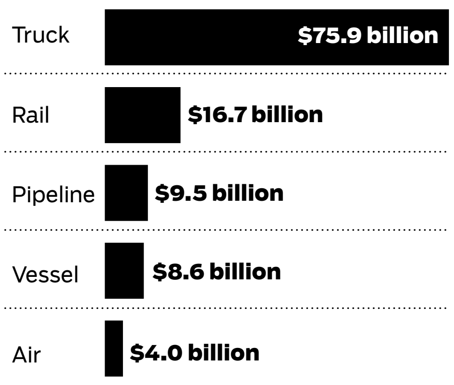
A British tobacco company has agreed to pay more than $635 million to settle allegations that it did illegal business with North Korea in violation of U.S. sanctions, the Justice Department said Tuesday.

British American Tobacco, one of the largest tobacco companies in the world, entered into a deferred prosecution agreement with the Justice Department, while the company's Singapore subsidiary pleaded guilty to conspiring to commit bank fraud and violate sanctions. The London-based BAT said the settlement concerns sales from 2007 through 2017.

About $5 million of the total was part of a civil settlement with the Treasury Department. The rest was the biggest in DOJ history linked to sanctions on North Korea.

North America cross border freight

Transborder freight between U.S., Canada and Mexico, February 2023



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Banks

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its accounting of the losses. Officials at the Fed, OCC and FDIC were also sent the letter.

Unlike the FHFA, banking regulators don't count those losses, known as paper losses, against a bank's capital.

If the housing finance regulator changed how it treated the losses, stressed banks would have "seamless access to an important liquidity tool," the trade groups said in their letter. Failing to address the regulatory issue "may exacerbate a stress."

"Our October letter was intended to highlight potential challenges that could make it harder for banks with available collateral to access the FHLBs' longstanding, reliable liquidity — something that is always important but especially so in times of stress," Blair Bernstein, an ABA spokeswoman, said in a statement.

"The recent period only highlights the rationale behind our concern last fall."

Five members of the U.S. House of Representatives also sent a letter to the heads of the FHFA and the bank regulators in December.

They urged FHFA to "act immediately to avert an unnecessary economic challenge" and asked the bank regulators to grant waivers for banks to keep access to the home loan banks.

In calls with senior financial regulators in November, the trade groups pressed the issue, according to the four people.

Paper losses

The FHFA declined to change how it treated paper losses because the home loan banks have "less access to information about the member's financial condition than the member's primary regulators," Joshua Stallings, an FHFA deputy director, said in a statement.

"Further, unilateral action by FHFA on this matter would compromise the ability of the primary regulators to provide their supervisory perspectives on affected members, potentially undermining cooperative efforts to protect systemic safety and soundness," he said.

Paper losses were on at least one regulator's mind late last year. FDIC Chairman Martin Gruenberg said in Nov. 15 testimony that banks reported $470 billion in such losses in the second quarter of 2022.

"The FDIC expects this trend to be an ongoing challenge as interest rates continued to rise in the third quarter, especially if banks need to sell investments to meet liquidity needs," Gruenberg said in written testimony before the Senate banking panel.

He also cited the paper losses in a March 6 speech but added that banks were "generally in a strong financial condition, and have not been forced to realize losses by selling depreciated securities."

Later that week, SVB Financial Group, the parent of Silicon Valley Bank, said it had taken a $1.8 billion loss tied to selling those securities, sparking a bank run that led to its closing.

Florida's Carrier pays $13.2B in German heat pump deal

By Geir Moulson and Frank Jordans
Associated Press

BERLIN — Germany's Viessmann Group is selling its heat pump business, viewed as a key technology for the transition away from fossil fuel heating, to Florida-based Carrier Global Corp. in a $13.2 billion deal.

The sale of Viessmann's "climate solutions" business, announced by both companies late Tuesday, comes as Germany is putting into place plans to phase out gas and oil heating systems in favor of climate-friendly alternatives. Heat pumps, which use electricity and ambient air or groundwater, are considered far more efficient than traditional combustion furnaces.

German Vice Chancellor Robert Habeck, who is leading those plans, said the Viessmann deal showed that the market for heat pumps was "so attractive that it is drawing investment," but added that the government would scrutinize the deal.

"It is important that the advantages of our energy policy and profits that are made with it continue to benefit Germany as a location," he said.

Senior opposition lawmaker Jens Spahn, in comments to the RND newspaper group, accused the government of piling pressure on manufacturers to step up their production fast or risk losing market share to Asian competitors.

"Apparently foreign investors are needed for that," he said, arguing that the government's policies were leading to "a sell-off of the German heat pump."

Habeck played down the possibility that Germany might require heat pump makers to produce a certain percentage of their products locally if they wanted to benefit from government subsidies for new heating installations.

Habeck said protectionist measures, seen for example in the U.S. Inflation Reduction Act, would ultimately harm an exporting country like Germany "and we don't want to fuel a run toward closed markets."

Instead, Germany could require manufacturers to meet certain high standards for environmental sustainability — such as when it comes to the cooling fluids used in heat pumps.

"If we do it right, then it will lead to the same thing, which is to increase and support the share of production that happens in Germany," Habeck told reporters in Berlin.

The deal entails Carrier paying 80% in cash and 20% in Carrier shares to Viessmann. It will see family-owned Viessmann become one of the biggest shareholders in Carrier, which is based in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

Steak

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some practice swings in," Sorkin said. "But we are definitely targeting mid- to late May."

And what happened with the delay?

"COVID certainly was the central cause of the delays," he said. "We had hired a general contractor, who estimated this as a 15-week project."

That 15-week project wound up taking closer to nine months, he added.

"I know they were working hard, and eager to get it done as well," Sorkin said. "It just seems that doing construction in this world, such as it is right now — it's complicated."

Meanwhile, menu testing has continued, and staff favorites have already emerged. Smoque BBQ's Al Sherman, Mike McDermott and Chris Hendrickson remain partners in the new venture. They also brought in another partner for Smoque Steak, chef Dylan Lipe, whose background pairs fine dining and the barbecue circuits.

"So far, everyone loves the rib-eye," Sorkin said. "And the steak frites. I think all of the steaks eat above their price point."

Smoque Steak cooks with an unusual three-step process: smoke, sous vide and sear.

"That's sort of our secret sauce," he added. "We're taking these steaks, and not just throwing them on the char broiler or grill. We're smoking them over red oak, just to put some flavor on them. And then we are cooking them sous vide."

Sous vide is a method of cooking with food typically sealed in vacuum bags, immersed in a water bath at precise low temperatures, for a prescribed length of time.

"So you get that perfect edge-to-edge doneness that's really difficult to achieve — if not impossible — cooking conventionally, and some additional tenderness," Sorkin said. "Then we sear in cast iron with butter to get that nice golden crust without any of the bitter char you get by subjecting it to an 800-degree environment."

As for prices, last year he said you'll be able to get a steak for less than you would pay for a slab of ribs at Smoque BBQ, which still costs $26 at the Old Irving Park restaurant in 2023.

And now, after a roller-coaster year for food costs?

"We've got really great options as low as 20 bucks for a really nice bistro steak," Sorkin said. "And our steak frites, an 8-ounce outside (cut) skirt steak served with fries, for about 29 bucks. The rib-eye, which is the most indulgent and decadent steak, a 16-ounce USDA prime rib-eye, will probably be like $55."

One of the big differences between Smoque Steak and Smoque BBQ is the new full bar service.

"It's been a long time coming," Sorkin said. "We've been looking forward to selling some drinks."

The Smoqued Pineapple is a margarita-inspired cocktail mixed with mezcal, Ancho Reyes chile liqueur, plus smoked pineapple, lime and agave nectar.

A Bananas Foster bread pudding has become an overwhelming staff favorite for dessert.

"And we are always conscious of being able to take care of our vegetarian friends," he said. "So we also have a smoked cauliflower steak."

Pescatarians will find a lobster tail and grits appetizer, plus a main course of smoked salmon and a shrimp scampi pasta.

Smoque Steak will take reservations, initially for dinner only, six days a week, for indoor seating up to about 120 diners to start. (The restaurant will be closed Mondays.)

"The room is not going to have the same sort of feel as most of your downtown steakhouses," Sorkin said. "We want it to feel more like a neighborhood restaurant, and reference our barbecue roots. And take advantage of the bones of the building, which are very industrial."

Guests can order from print menus with servers, and have an added option to scan a QR code to order directly from their table. It's a hybrid service model the partners experienced at other restaurants.

"When we went to some of these restaurants, we got to focus on the people we were with," he added. "We ordered and ate at our own pace, and weren't worried about, oh my god, the server's been here three times asking if we were ready to order, we better figure it out. We didn't feel any of that stress or pressure."

There's also a small butcher shop and market to browse at the entrance.

"We were very much in the COVID mindset," Sorkin said. "A lot of people are eating at home these days, and some of those habits are gonna stick even after the pandemic is gone. I think people did sort of just rediscover the value of eating at their own dining room table with their family."

The idea behind the market was anything you need to serve steak dinner at home, he added, from raw smoked steaks, heat and serve sides, premade cocktails, and even sous vide wands and cast iron skillets.

"Food prices, and particularly beef prices, have been so strange and complicated and volatile over the last couple of years," he said. "Are the steaks as low priced as we wanted them to be four years ago when we conceived this idea? No. They had to have gone up like everything else, but we've really tried to make sure you're going to leave feeling like you got more than your money's worth. And that was our guiding principle."

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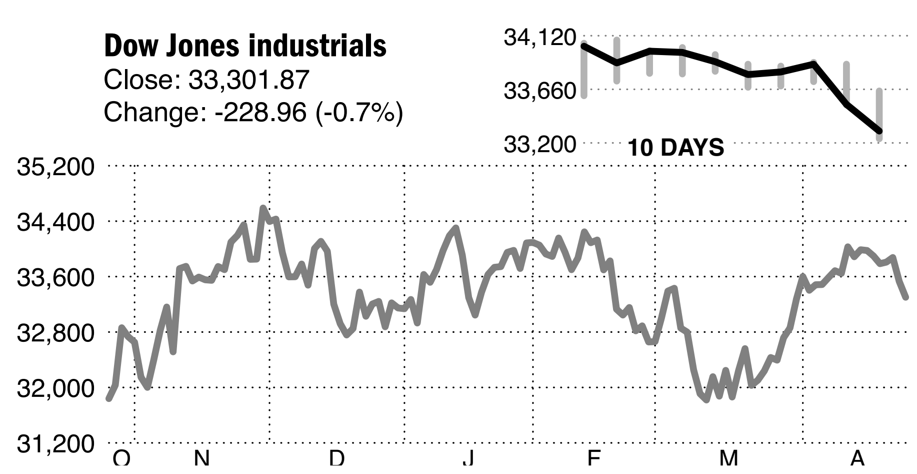
MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow **High: 33,645.83** **Low: 33,235.85** **Previous: 33,530.83**



Nasdaq	
↗	**+55.19** *(+.47%)*
Close	**11,854.35**
High	11,967.99
Low	11,833.07
Previous	11,799.16

S&P 500	
↘	**-15.64** *(-.38%)*
Close	**4,055.99**
High	4,089.67
Low	4,049.35
Previous	4,071.63

Russell 2000	
↘	**-15.54** *(-.89%)*
Close	**1,730.41**
High	1,747.28
Low	1,725.82
Previous	1,745.95

10-yr T-note	**Gold futures**	**Yen**	**Euro**	**Crude Oil**
↗	↘	↘	↘	↘
+.05	**-8.30**	**-.03**	**-.0055**	**-2.77**
to 3.45%	to $1,985.70	to 133.56/$1	to .9059/$1	to $74.30

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change

DOW	NASD	S&P
-1.76	-2.49	-2.37
↘	↘	↘

30-day % change

DOW	NASD	S&P
+1.79	-.60	+.70
↗	↘	↗

1-year % change

DOW	NASD	S&P
...	-5.08	-3.06
→	↘	↘

FUTURES

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 23	639.75	643	626.50	627.25	-11.50
		Jul 23	653.75	657.75	641	642	-11
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 23	648	652.25	641	641.50	-5
		Jul 23	608.25	612	600.75	601	-6.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 23	1445.25	1456.50	1434	1436	-9.25
		Jul 23	1417.75	1428.25	1412	1414.75	-2.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 23	51.77	52.40	51.43	52.08	+.37
		Jul 23	52.14	52.85	51.85	52.50	+.36
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 23	436.00	437.00	425.50	426.00	-8.80
		Jul 23	435.00	437.80	426.60	427.40	-7.60
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jun 23	77.08	77.93	74.05	74.30	-2.77
		Jul 23	76.93	77.70	73.94	74.19	-2.68
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, $ per mm btu	May 23	2.239	2.274	2.101	2.117	-.190
		Jun 23	2.385	2.413	2.274	2.305	-.132
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	May 23	2.6002	2.6180	2.5417	2.5494	-.0392
		Jun 23	2.5662	2.5880	2.5034	2.5125	-.0458

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. *Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ*

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	108.75	-1.22	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	67.14	-.87	Middleby Corp	O	135.30	-1.69
AbbVie Inc	N	161.80	-3.10	Equity Residential	N	60.25	-.27	Mondelez Intl	O	72.33	-.17
Allstate Corp	N	114.06	-.85	Exelon Corp	O	42.79	-.82	Morningstar Inc	O	190.62	-6.86
Aptargroup Inc	N	115.75	-2.32	Federal Signal	N	49.89	-1.15	Motorola Solutions	N	287.69	-1.61
Arch Dan Mid	N	77.03	+1.13	First Indl RT	N	50.78	-.62	NiSource Inc	N	28.29	-.36
Baxter Intl	N	46.08	+.64	Fortune Brands Innov	N	59.62	-.41	Nthn Trust Cp	O	76.48	-1.68
Boeing Co	N	203.03	+.84	GATX	N	112.95	-3.62	Old Republic	N	24.62	...
Brunswick Corp	N	83.08	-.28	Gallagher AJ	N	205.44	-1.75	Packaging Corp Am	N	132.09	-2.29
CBOE Global Markets	N	137.66	-1.44	Grainger WW	N	659.82	-12.01	Paylocity Hldg	O	184.21	+.42
CCC Intellig Solut	O	8.59	-.11	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	110.77	-4.84	RLI Corp	N	140.38	-1.33
CDW Corp	O	165.12	+.01	IDEX Corp	N	209.78	-5.59	Ryan Specialty Group	N	39.94	-.43
CF Industries	N	71.52	-.81	ITW	N	231.37	-3.66	Stericycle Inc	O	42.23	-.51
CME Group	O	184.93	-2.86	Ingredion Inc	N	103.98	+.18	TransUnion	N	64.00	+.93
CNA Financial	N	37.88	-.96	John Bean Technol	N	105.14	+2.67	US Foods Holding	N	36.90	-.16
Caterpillar Inc	N	216.19	-2.44	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	127.27	-.86	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	547.45	+5.59
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	37.82	-.32	Kemper Corp	N	51.88	-1.28	United Airlines Hldg	O	42.10	-.40
Deere Co	N	374.61	-4.86	Kraft Heinz Co	O	39.36	-.08	Ventas Inc	N	45.82	-.54
Discover Fin Svcs	N	101.18	-.60	LKQ Corporation	O	56.22	-.33	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	34.81	-.08
Dover Corp	N	140.81	-4.65	Littelfuse Inc	O	238.88	-6.32	Wintrust Financial	O	67.32	+.65
Envestnet Inc	N	63.56	-.15	McDonalds Corp	N	289.76	-1.75	Zebra Tech	O	280.42	-3.68

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Fst Republic Bank	5.69	-2.41
Ford Motor	11.54	-.23
Bank of America	28.44	-.40
AT&T Inc	17.20	-.31
Snap Inc A	9.88	-.28
Carnival Corp	8.76	-.20
Wells Fargo & Co	39.46	-1.09
Lumen Technologies	2.14	-.25
Alibaba Group Hldg	82.82	-.10
Credit Suisse Gp	.87	+.01
Vale SA	13.89	+.13
Keycorp	10.56	+.08
Petrobras	11.74	-.08
Nokia Corp	4.15	+.05
Pfizer Inc	38.63	-.70
Verizon Comm	36.92	-.38
Palantir Technol	7.74	...
Boston Scientific	51.10	-.01
Ginkgo Bioworks Hldg	1.19	-.02
General Motors Co	32.22	-.69
Citizens Fincl Grp	29.16	+.29
Banco Bradesco ADS	2.68	-.04
Ambev S.A.	2.77	-.02
US Bancorp	31.52	-.25

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Mullen Automotive	.08	-.01
Bed Bath &Beynd	.11	-.09
Crown Electrkinetics	.15	+.07
Ideanomics Inc	.03	-.01
Tesla Inc	153.75	-6.92
Amazon.com Inc	104.98	+2.41
Panbela Therapeutics	.56	+.14
Exela Technologies	.04	-.00
Marathon Digital Hld	9.46	+.47
Microsoft Corp	295.37	+19.95
Alphabet Inc A	103.71	-.14
Activision Blizzard	76.81	-9.93
Adv Micro Dev	85.94	+2.14
Apple Inc	163.76	-.01
Intel Corp	29.05	+.17
Nvidia Corporation	269.56	+7.15
Riot Blockchain Inc	10.91	+.20
Meta Platforms Inc	209.40	+1.85
Alphabet Inc C	104.45	-.16
Lucid Group Inc	7.22	+.48
American Airlines Gp	12.74	-.10
PacWest Bancorp	11.08	+.77
IN8bio Inc	1.95	+.04
Micron Tech	61.02	+2.88

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3264.10	-.8/-.0
Stoxx600	463.04	-4.0/-.9
Nikkei	28416.47	-203.6/-.7
MSCI-EAFE	2136.39	-5.3/-.3
Bovespa	102312.10	-908.0/-.9
FTSE 100	7852.64	-38.5/-.5
CAC-40	7466.66	-65.0/-.9

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alphabet Inc C	104.45	-.16
Alphabet Inc A	103.71	-.14
Amazon.com Inc	104.98	+2.41
Apple Inc	163.76	-.01
Berkshire Hath B	320.53	-3.81
Eli Lilly	376.27	-8.57
Exxon Mobil Corp	115.45	-1.07
JPMorgan Chase	135.23	-2.44
Johnson & Johnson	162.62	-2.56
Meta Platforms Inc	209.40	+1.85
Microsoft Corp	295.37	+19.95
Novo Nordisk AS	164.99	-3.59
Nvidia Corporation	269.56	+7.15
Procter & Gamble	154.58	-1.81
Taiwan Semicon	82.25	-.04
Tesla Inc	153.75	-6.92
Unitedhealth Group	482.95	-8.97
Visa Inc	228.15	-1.44
WalMart Strs	150.91	-.66

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month Disc	4.95	4.97
6-month disc	4.76	4.78
2-year	3.95	3.95
10-year	3.45	3.40
30-year	3.71	3.66

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	$1985.70	$1994.00
Silver	$24.871	$24.877
Platinum	$1097.10	$1089.30

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	8.00
Discount Rate Primary	5.50
Fed Funds Target	4.75-5.00
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.50

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys . . .

Argentina (Peso)	221.5330
Australia (Dollar)	1.5167
Brazil (Real)	5.0566
Britain (Pound)	.8028
Canada (Dollar)	1.3647
China (Yuan)	6.9269
Euro	.9059
India (Rupee)	81.759
Israel (Shekel)	3.6261
Japan (Yen)	133.56
Mexico (Peso)	18.1325
Poland (Zloty)	4.15
So. Korea (Won)	1339.58
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.73
Thailand (Baht)	34.11

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG IN $	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	29.38	-.13	-1.5
American Funds AmrcnMutA m	48.60	-.44	-.2
American Funds CptWldGrIncA m	54.37	-.17	+3.1
American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	64.33	-.31	+.7
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	63.22	-.24	+.8
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	53.86	-.07	-4.7
American Funds IncAmrcA m	22.73	-.14	-1.2
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	43.52	-.11	+1.9
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	51.53	-.19	+.3
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	52.14	-.36	-.9
Baird AggrgateBdInstl	9.85	-.04	-1.4
Dodge & Cox IncI	12.51	-.05	-.2
Dodge & Cox IntlStkI	46.23	-.05	+7.4
Dodge & Cox StkI	213.59	-2.18	-2.2
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	140.82	-.54	-1.2
Fidelity BCGrowth	130.88	+1.02	-5.2
Fidelity Contrafund	13.28	+.02	-.4
Fidelity GlobalexUSIdx	13.31	+.03	+4.7
Fidelity GroCo	25.94	+.15	-1.2
Fidelity IntlIdxInstlPrm	45.60	-.01	+9.9
Fidelity InvmGradeBd	10.12	-.04	-1.1
Fidelity TtlMktIdxInsPrm	111.55	-.45	-2.4
Fidelity USBdIdxInsPrm	10.46	-.04	-1.4
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdI	9.34	...	-1.5
PIMCO IncInstl	10.45	...	+1.3
PIMCO TtlRetIns	8.69	...	-1.6
Schwab SP500Idx	62.63	...	-3.6
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	374.44	-1.45	-1.2
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	41.17	-.16	-1.9
Vanguard DivGrInv	35.22	-.33	+.2
Vanguard EqIncAdmrl	82.08	-1.01	-.6
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	125.72	+.63	-2.6
Vanguard HCAdmrl	88.63	-1.15	+8.8
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.57	+.01	+3.3
Vanguard InsIdxIns	338.78	-1.30	-1.2
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	338.77	-1.31	-1.2
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	98.17	-.27	+3.1
Vanguard MdCpIdxAdmrl	253.32	-2.34	-6.3
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	137.56	-.78	+1.7
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.12	-.01	+1.4
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	87.59	-.73	-5.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Fd	26.51	-.07	-1.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Fd	17.50	-.04	-1.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Fd	32.99	-.09	-2.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Fd	20.39	-.05	-2.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2040Fd	35.89	-.09	-2.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2045Fd	24.13	-.06	-2.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2050Fd	40.01	-.10	-2.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2055Fd	44.63	-.12	-2.2
Vanguard TrgtRtrIncFd	12.70	-.04	-1.2
Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	9.74	-.04	-1.5
Vanguard TtBMIdxIns	9.74	-.04	-1.4
Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl	29.77	+.01	+1.1
Vanguard TtInSIdxIns	119.03	+.03	+1.1
Vanguard TtInSIdxInv	17.79	...	+1.0
Vanguard TtlSMIdxAdmrl	97.74	-.40	-2.4
Vanguard TtlSMIdxIns	97.75	-.40	-2.4
Vanguard WlngtnAdmrl	68.30	-.16	+.5
Vanguard WlslyIncAdmrl	59.71	-.42	-.9
Vanguard WndsrIIAdmrl	68.46	-.29	-.2

d - Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee.
m - Multiple fees are charged, usually a marketing fee and either a sales or redemption fee.
Source: Morningstar.

Writer: 'Donald Trump raped me'

Ex-columnist gives account on stand in NY civil court case

By Jennifer Peltz and Michael R. Sisak
Associated Press

Former advice columnist E. Jean Carroll, right, arrives Wednesday at Manhattan federal court in New York. **JOHN MINCHILLO/AP**

NEW YORK — At first, she thought helping Donald Trump shop for a women's lingerie gift at a luxury department store would simply be "a funny New York thing."

Even when, according to E. Jean Carroll, the then-businessman motioned her to a dressing room as they dared each other to try on a see-through bodysuit, she imagined something like a "Saturday Night Live" sketch she'd written.

But soon, "my whole reason for being alive in that moment was to get out of that room," Carroll testified Wednesday in the trial of her rape lawsuit.

"I'm here because Donald Trump raped me, and when I wrote about it, he said it didn't happen. He lied and shattered my reputation, and I'm here to try and get my life back," Carroll told jurors.

As she took the stand to describe the alleged 1996 attack, Trump, from afar, repeated his insistence that Carroll's claim is utter fiction. He wrote on his social media site that the case "is a made-up scam," and more.

"This is a fraudulent & false story — Witch Hunt!" Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform. His comments prompted the judge to warn Trump's lawyers that he could bring more legal problems upon himself.

Trump hasn't attended the trial thus far, but his lawyers said Tuesday he still could decide to testify.

The trial comes as Trump again seeks the Republican nomination for president, and weeks after he pleaded not guilty to unrelated criminal charges that involve payments made to silence a porn actor who said she had a sexual encounter with him.

Carroll, 79, testified that she crossed paths with Trump at the revolving door to Bergdorf Goodman on an unspecified Thursday evening in spring 1996. At the time, she was writing a long-running advice column in Elle magazine, having also written for "SNL."

Trump was a real estate magnate and society figure in New York.

She said he asked her advice about selecting a gift for a woman, and she was delighted to oblige. As an advice columnist, to have Trump ask for gift guidance "was a wonderful prospect," and Carroll figured she would end up with a funny story, she said.

She testified that she suggested a hat, but he pivoted to lingerie, and soon they were bantering about the bodysuit. Amused and flirting with him, she went along, laughing even as he closed the door to the dressing room, perhaps even as he pushed her against a wall.

But then, she alleges, Trump stamped his mouth onto hers, yanked down her tights and shoved his hand and then his penis inside her while she struggled against him.

She said she finally kneed him off her, fled and, for years, blamed herself.

"I always think back to why I walked in there to get myself in that situation," she said, her voice breaking.

Carroll said that for decades, she told no one except two friends because she was afraid Trump would retaliate, because she "thought it was my fault" and because she thought many people blame rape victims for what happened to them.

The alleged attack happened long before the #MeToo movement forced a reckoning with how sexual assault victims are treated by law enforcement and the public. Carroll has said #MeToo fueled her decision to come forward in a 2019 memoir and accompanying magazine excerpt.

Trump, 76, has said he wasn't at the store with Carroll and had no clue who she was when she first aired the story publicly.

As court was about to begin Wednesday, Trump vented his feelings about the case on Truth Social.

Among his other remarks, he called Carroll's lawyer "a political operative" and alluded to a DNA issue that Judge Lewis Kaplan has ruled can't be part of the case.

Lawyers for Carroll mentioned his new statement to Kaplan, who wasn't pleased, calling Trump's post "a public statement that, on the face of it, seems entirely inappropriate."

Trump attorney Joe Tacopina noted that jurors are told not to follow any news or online commentary about the case. But he said he would ask Trump "to refrain from any further posts about this case."

"I hope you're more successful," Kaplan said, adding that Trump "may or may not be tampering with a new source of potential liability."

Carroll's federal lawsuit seeks unspecified damages and a retraction of his allegedly defamatory comments.

Carroll, who was married and divorced twice before her alleged encounter with Trump, said she's since been unable even "to show a man that I liked him."

While mostly matter-of-fact during her testimony, she teared up and wiped her eyes with a tissue as she described the gulf between her "invincible" public persona and a private self who "can't admit out loud that there's been any suffering."

The suit was filed under a New York law that temporarily lets decades-old sexual abuse claims go to civil court. She never pursued criminal charges, although she advised her own readers to tell police and get therapy if they had been sexually assaulted.

Trump's lawyer has asserted that Carroll sued to get money and try to punish Trump politically. Carroll, a registered Democrat, testified that she voted for his Democratic opponents in 2016 and 2020 but said that has nothing to do with her lawsuit.

"I'm not settling a political score at all. I'm settling a personal score," she said.

Biden warns Kim regime of 'the end' if nukes fired

US, SKorea roll out new deterrence plan against North Korea

By Aamer Madhani, Colleen Long and Zeke Miller
Associated Press

President Joe Biden and South Korean leader Yoon Suk Yeol focus on the growing nuclear threat from North Korea during a ceremony Wednesday at the White House. **EVAN VUCCI/AP**

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden and South Korea's Yoon Suk Yeol unveiled a new plan Wednesday to counter North Korea's nuclear threat, with Biden issuing a blunt warning that such an attack would "result in the end of whatever regime" took such action.

The new nuclear deterrence effort calls for periodically docking U.S. nuclear-armed submarines in South Korea for the first time in decades, bolstering training between the two countries — and more.

The declaration was unveiled as Biden hosted Yoon for a state visit at a moment of heightened anxiety over an increased pace of ballistic missile tests by North Korea.

"A nuclear attack by North Korea against the United States or its allies and partners is unacceptable, and will result in the end of whatever regime were to take such an action," Biden said during an afternoon Rose Garden news conference with Yoon.

Yoon said that the new commitment by the "righteous alliance" includes plans for bilateral presidential consultations in the event of a North Korean nuclear attack, the establishment of a nuclear consultative group and improved sharing of information on nuclear and strategic weapons operation plans.

Biden and Yoon aides have been working on details of the plan for months and agreed that "occasional" and "very clear demonstrations of the strength" of U.S. extended deterrence capabilities needed to be an essential aspect of the agreement, according to three senior Biden administration officials who briefed reporters ahead of the announcement.

The officials said the so-called Washington Declaration was designed to allay South Korean fears over the North's aggressive nuclear weapons program and to keep the country from restarting its own nuclear program, which it gave up nearly 50 years ago when it signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Yoon earlier this year said his country was weighing developing its own nuclear weapons or asking the U.S. to redeploy them on the Korean Peninsula.

The U.S. and South Korea also would coordinate more deeply on nuclear response strategy in the event of the North attacking the South — but operational control of such weapons would remain in U.S. control, and no nuclear weapons are being deployed onto South Korean shores.

"We are not going to be stationing nuclear weapons on the peninsula," Biden stressed.

Biden said coordination between the U.S. and South Korea remains crucial in the face of increased threats from Kim Jong Un's regime and blatant violation of international sanctions. Biden repeated the U.S. remains open to "substantial" talks with the North without preconditions.

The state visit comes as the U.S. and South Korea mark the 70th year of the countries' alliance that began at the end of the Korean War and committed the United States to help South Korea defend itself, particularly from North Korea.

About 28,500 U.S. troops are based in South Korea.

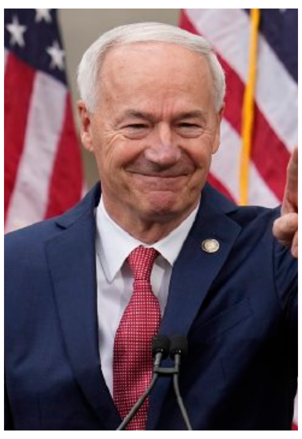
"Why did they sacrifice their lives for this faraway country and for the people that you've never met?" Yoon said of the U.S. troops who served during the war. "That was for one noble cause: to defend freedom."

As part of the declaration, South Korea will reaffirm its commitment to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, an agreement signed by several major nuclear and non-nuclear powers that pledged their cooperation to stem the spread of nuclear technology, the officials said.

In the midst of the Cold War in the late 1970s, U.S. nuclear-armed ballistic missile submarines made frequent port visits to South Korea, sometimes two to three visits per month, according to the Federation of American Scientists.

But in 1991, the United States withdrew all of its nuclear weapons from the Korean Peninsula, and the following year Seoul and Pyongyang signed a joint declaration pledging that neither would "test, manufacture, produce, receive, possess, store, deploy or use nuclear weapons." But as the North has repeatedly violated the joint declaration over the years, there's been increased support in South Korea for the U.S. to return nuclear weapons to the country.

One Biden administration official cautioned it is "crystal clear" that there are no plans by the administration for "returning tactical or any other kind of nuclear weapon to the Korean Peninsula." Instead, administration officials said they envision that the visit of ballistic missile submarines will be followed by the U.S. military more regularly deploying assets such as bombers or aircraft carriers to South Korea.



Former Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson said Wednesday that "the time for change is now." **SUE OGROCKI/AP**

Ark. ex-Gov. Hutchinson formally starts White House run

By Andrew DeMillo and Michelle L. Price
Associated Press

BENTONVILLE, Ark. — Former Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson formally launched his Republican presidential campaign Wednesday, pledging to "bring out the best of America" and aiming to draw contrasts with other GOP hopefuls on top issues, including how best to reform federal law enforcement agencies.

Kicking off his 2024 bid in his hometown of Bentonville, Hutchinson said, "I ran as a conservative Republican when being a Republican was like having a career-ending handicap."

The stalwart conservative, who announced in a television interview earlier this month that he intended to run, has been a rare figure among announced or expected GOP presidential hopefuls in his willingness to criticize former President Donald Trump, calling for him to drop out of the 2024 race instead of seeking another White House term.

And while Trump has fixated his campaign message around his false claims about the 2020 election he lost, Hutchinson has said voters need a candidate who is not focused on the past.

Hutchinson has been able to draw from his lengthy resume in government and roots in America's heartland. Without mentioning Trump by name Wednesday, Hutchinson offered a contrast to the former president's derision of federal law enforcement by emphasizing his own background, with previous service as head of the Drug Enforcement Administration and former undersecretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

"We should not defund the FBI, but we do need serious reform to refocus the core functions of our federal law enforcement," Hutchinson said, adding that the FBI needs to be "trimmed down and focused on its No. 1 duty: leading our counterterrorism mission."

Hutchinson, also a former U.S. attorney and congressman, launched his bid a day after President Joe Biden formally announced his reelection campaign.

"I am confident we will even survive through the destructive policies of the Biden administration, but the time for change is now," Hutchinson said. "It is time to bring out the best of America."

Living in limbo after train derailed

Residents displaced by accident in Ohio unsure what's next

By Tammy Webber
Associated Press

Kyan Cepin walks his dog April 3 near the North Lima, Ohio, motel he has lived in since being displaced after officials' decision to burn toxic chemicals in February. About half of East Palestine's nearly 5,000 residents were evacuated. **MATT ROURKE/AP**

EAST PALESTINE, Ohio — Jeff Drummond spends days and nights alone in a tiny room with fake wood paneling, two small beds and a microwave atop a mini refrigerator that serves as a nightstand — his pickup truck parked just outside the door at the roadside motel where he's taken refuge since early February.

Shelby Walker bounces from hotel to hotel with her five children and four grandchildren while crews tear up railroad tracks and scoop out contaminated soil near their four-bedroom home.

Almost three months after a fiery Norfolk Southern train derailment blackened the skies, sent residents fleeing and thrust East Palestine into a national debate over rail safety, residents say they are still living in limbo. They're unsure how or whether to move on from the accident and worry what will happen to them and the village where they have deep family roots, friendships and affordable homes.

"I have no idea how long we can continue to do this," says Walker, while washing clothes at a laundromat.

Walker, 48, also works at a small hotel where many workers are staying, so is constantly reminded of the accident. She remembers the scorched rail tanker at her property line and a backyard flooded with water from the burn site. "Sometimes I just break down," she says.

About half of East Palestine's nearly 5,000 residents evacuated when, days after the Feb. 3 derailment, officials decided to burn toxic vinyl chloride from five tanker cars to prevent a catastrophic explosion.

Most have returned, though many complain about illnesses and worry about soil, water and air quality. Some are staying away until they're sure it's safe. Others, like Drummond, are not allowed back in their homes because of the ongoing cleanup.

The retired truck driver and Gulf War veteran misses mowing the lawn, puttering around his yard and chatting with regulars at the tavern next door.

"I have nothing here," says Drummond, sitting on an orange plastic chair outside the Davis Motel in North Lima, Ohio. "So it's trying to find something to keep yourself busy, to keep from going crazy."

Norfolk Southern Railroad is paying for lodging for some families but won't say how many still are out of their homes while the railroad excavates tens of thousands of tons of contaminated soil, a process the Environmental Protection Agency expects to take another two or three months. The railroad also must remove toxic chemicals from two creeks, which could take longer.

"I pledge that we won't be finished until we make it right," Norfolk Southern President and CEO Alan Shaw told an Ohio rail safety committee last week.

The railroad also handed out $1,000 "inconvenience checks" to residents within the ZIP code that includes East Palestine and surrounding areas, but most did not qualify for further assistance and went home.

The EPA's Mark Durno says continual air monitoring at the derailment site and in the community and soil tests in parks, on agricultural land and at other potentially affected areas have not yet detected concerning levels of any contaminants.

"Nothing jumped off page for us yet," Durno says, adding that testing would continue just to be sure.

The railroad says testing shows drinking water is safe, though it's establishing a fund for long-term drinking water protection. It's also establishing funds for health care and to help sellers if their property value falls because of the accident.

But it's the unknown that worries people.

Jessica Conard, a 37-year-old speech therapist, wonders whether her boys — ages 3, 8 and 9 — will ever be able to fish in the pond separating their property from the railroad tracks. Or play at the park where the chemicals are being removed from a stream. Can they remain in the town where "generations upon generations" of family have lived?

"You want them to be able to have those memories," says Conard, who returned to East Palestine six years ago to raise her family where the sound of trains was the backdrop to her own childhood. "I just kind of feel like those memories are tainted because when you hear a train now it kind of makes you cringe."

Deep ties to the community are a common refrain.

This is the kind of place where everyone seems connected to everyone else, residents say. Parents don't worry about their kids because they know other parents are looking out for them.

Summer Magness chokes up recalling how the community held benefit dinners after her eldest daughter, Samantha, suffered multiple cardiac arrests playing softball four years ago, resulting in a brain injury that left her paralyzed and unable to speak. Samantha, now 16, gets all A's, attends homecoming and still has her circle of friends.

"We couldn't have made it without them," Magness says.

Eighty-one-year-old Norma Carr raised four children in the cedar-sided 1930s duplex she moved into 57 years ago and where three generations lived together before the derailment. She knew everyone in her neighborhood, walked to church and always felt safe among friends.

For now, she's staying in a condominium 10 miles away that the railroad rented the family for six months because Carr, who has Parkinson's, fared poorly during a month in a cramped hotel room.

"I miss being able to look out the window and not see a stranger," says Carr, choking back tears.

Most of Conard's relatives work in factories and, like many here, live paycheck to paycheck, putting aside money to buy and fix up homes, she says. "I mean, this is what we strive for. It's the American dream."

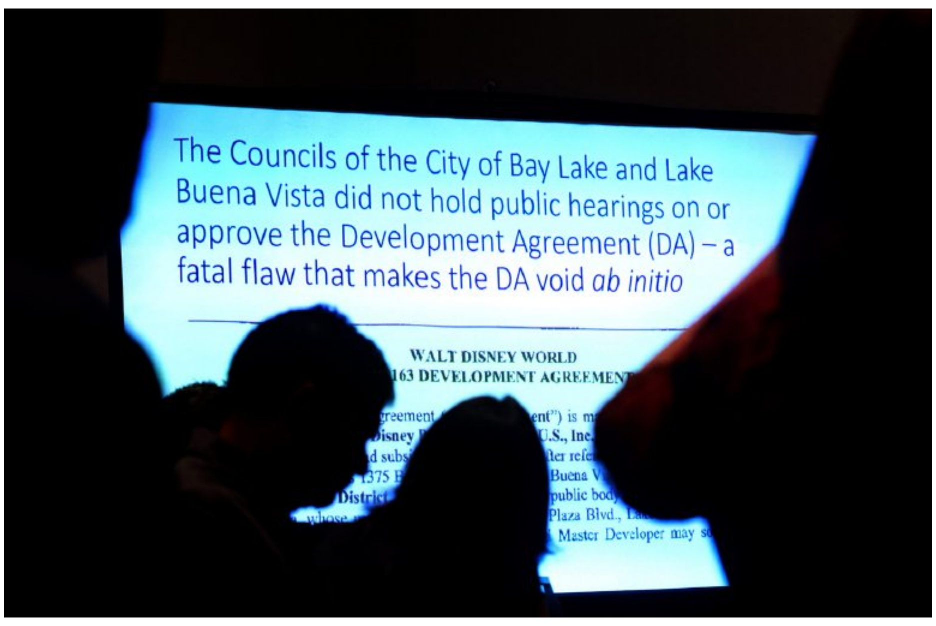
She and her husband sold their first East Palestine home last year to move into their "forever home" a couple miles away, on a road named for one of her ancestors. "Then all of a sudden, overnight (the dream is) gone."

Small businesses like Sprinklz on Top and The Corner Store line the main drag, North Market Street, along with chains like McDonald's and Pizza Hut. The Chamber of Commerce, library and post office are there too. Statues of bulldogs, the high school mascot, are placed throughout town.

There also are signs reflecting the hardship the village has been through: "Y'all OK?" says one. Others say "Get ready for the greatest comeback in American history."

But many wonder if they should stay or go.

For Summer Magness, it would be difficult to leave the community where her family has lived for generations. She doubts her home could sell for what it would cost to buy elsewhere.


The Councils of the City of Bay Lake and Lake Buena Vista did not hold public hearings on or approve the Development Agreement (DA) – a fatal flaw that makes the DA void ab initio
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A slide shows a new board resolution passed Wednesday to invalidate Disney's final deal with the previous board that controlled the theme park's land. **JOE BURBANK/ORLANDO SENTINEL**

Disney sues DeSantis, calling resort's takeover 'retaliation'

By Anthony Izaguirre
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Disney sued Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis on Wednesday over the Republican's takeover of its theme park district, alleging the governor waged a "targeted campaign of government retaliation" after Disney opposed a law that critics call "Don't Say Gay."

The lawsuit was filed in Tallahassee minutes after a Disney World oversight board appointed by DeSantis voted to void a deal that gave the company authority over design and construction decisions in its sprawling properties near Orlando.

"Disney regrets that it has come to this," the case said. "But having exhausted efforts to seek a resolution, the Company is left with no choice but to file this lawsuit to protect its cast members, guests, and local development partners from a relentless campaign to weaponize government power against Disney in retaliation for expressing a political viewpoint unpopular with certain State officials."

The legal filing is the latest salvo in a more than year-old feud between Disney and DeSantis that has engulfed the governor in criticism as he plans an expected presidential bid.

DeSantis, who has framed himself as a Republican firebrand able to deftly implement his conservative agenda without drama, has dived headlong into the fray with the beloved company and tourism driver, as business leaders and White House rivals bash his stance as a rejection of small-government conservatism.

"We are unaware of any legal right that a company has to operate its own government or maintain special privileges not held by other businesses in the state," DeSantis spokeswoman Taryn Fenske said.

The fight began last year after Disney, in the face of significant pressure, publicly opposed a state law that bans classroom lessons on sexual orientation and gender identity in early grades, a policy that critics call "Don't Say Gay."

DeSantis later took over Disney World's self-governing district and appointed a new board of supervisors that would oversee municipal services in the sprawling theme parks. But before the new board came in, the company pushed through an 11th-hour deal stripping the new supervisors of much of their authority.

The DeSantis board on Wednesday said Disney's move to retain control over their property was unlawful and performed without proper public notice.

DeSantis also has vowed to boost state oversight of Disney rides and suggested adding a prison nearby.

Disney has said all agreements made with the previous board were legal and approved in a public forum.

The Disney lawsuit asks a federal judge to void the governor's takeover and the DeSantis oversight board's actions, on the grounds they violated the company's free speech rights.

"A targeted campaign of government retaliation — orchestrated at every step by Governor DeSantis as punishment for Disney's protected speech — now threatens Disney's business operations, jeopardizes its economic future in the region, and violates its constitutional rights," the lawsuit said.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Ukraine's Zelenskyy upbeat after a call with China's Xi

By David Rising
and Joe McDonald
Associated Press

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy spoke Wednesday with Chinese leader Xi Jinping in an hourlong call viewed as a positive step with Russia's ally. **ANDREW KRAVCHENKO/AP**

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said he and Chinese leader Xi Jinping had a "long and meaningful" phone call Wednesday, their first known contact since Russia invaded Ukraine over a year ago, and Beijing appointed an envoy to pursue a "political settlement."

The hourlong call came two months after Beijing, which has long been aligned with Russia, said it wanted to act as a mediator and a month after Xi visited Moscow. The call also coincided with indications that Ukraine is readying its forces for a spring counteroffensive.

Zelenskyy was upbeat about the conversation, which offered him the chance to insert his views into what had been a bilateral dialogue between Moscow and Beijing. Russian President Vladimir Putin is eager to keep Xi close as a counterweight to the United States, which has sided with Ukraine.

"I believe that this call, as well as the appointment of Ukraine's ambassador to China, will give a powerful impetus to the development of our bilateral relations," Zelenskyy said on Facebook.

An official readout on his website called the conversation "productive" and said it leads the way toward "possible interaction with the aim of establishing a just and sustainable peace for Ukraine."

Zelenskyy emphasized the need to regain all Ukrainian lands and stated, "There can be no peace at the expense of territorial compromises." In an indirect reference to U.S. reports that China had considered supplying weapons to Russia for its war, Zelenskyy's office said he asked countries to refrain from doing so because "any support — even partial — is converted by Russia into the continuation of its aggression, into its further rejection of peace." China has said it won't supply weapons to either side in the conflict.

China's Foreign Ministry said Beijing's "core stance is to facilitate talks for peace," announcing that an envoy — a former ambassador to Russia — would visit Ukraine to seek a "political settlement."

The ministry's statement struck a positive tone, giving a nod to Kyiv's insistence that its territory cannot be broken up by Russia's annexations and making clear that Beijing values its longstanding ties with Ukraine.

"Mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity is the political foundation of China-Ukraine relations," the statement said. "China's readiness to develop relations with Ukraine is consistent and clear-cut."

Analysts expressed skepticism about the prospects for peace.

The call balances China's dialogue with Russia by showing it is "recognizing Ukraine's leadership and indicating Ukraine is an important entity," said political science professor Kimberly Marten of Barnard College at Columbia University in New York.

But, she added, unless undisclosed details reveal otherwise, "it's a nonstarter. It's pro-Russian. I would not guess that this holds a lot of significance for ending the war."

She noted the Chinese statement didn't call for Russia to leave occupied areas or brand Russia as an aggressor, and refers to the situation as "a crisis, rather than a war."

In Moscow, Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova commended China's approach, praising Beijing's "readiness to strive to establish a (peace) negotiations process," while slamming Kyiv's "rejection of any sound initiatives aimed at a settlement."

The White House described it as a positive development, allowing Xi to hear Ukraine's view of the "illegal, unprovoked invasion."

"We think that's a good thing," White House National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said.

ANALYSIS

Exits close chapter for cable news

Two Trump-driven voices leave; further changes uncertain

By Jim Rutenberg
The New York Times

Don Lemon's ouster from CNN came in the wake of changes in direction and management at the network. **ERIN SCHAFF/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2019**

Tucker Carlson was a Fox News ratings leader but became an embarrassing figure due to lawsuit filings. **REBECCA NOBLE/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2022**

They were on very different networks and did very different things to draw very different ratings.

But the synchronous exits of Tucker Carlson and Don Lemon from the cable news landscape on Monday represented the end of an era for their industry — the most combative and partisan since Ted Turner introduced the concept of 24-hour news to television more than 40 years ago.

No equivalence can be drawn between the two hosts. Carlson often led in the ratings by running wild at Fox News with white nationalist and false conspiracy stories that put him in a class by himself. Lemon became known for his anti-Trump broadsides that were tame in comparison — and drew much smaller ratings — yet could come off as plenty hot by the standards of CNN.

But in their most recent incarnations, Carlson and Lemon were both products of the Trump years — set-top-box combatants who often made headlines themselves by giving their audiences generous helpings of indignation and outrage.

Now, in different ways, their ousters represent at least a temporary pulling back from the excesses of the media coverage that the Trump election, presidency and post-presidency spawned.

Questions remain about the particulars of both exits, and both situations involved factors other than their general editorial approaches.

Carlson had become an embarrassing figure through the ample material that was produced in the defamation lawsuit that Dominion Voting Systems brought against Fox, which settled last week at the eleventh hour for $787.5 million.

Emails and text messages produced ahead of trial showed Carlson mocking Trump even while hailing him on his program, and using crude and misogynistic language about a lawyer pushing the election conspiracies about Dominion's voting machines, Sidney Powell. In another lawsuit pending in Delaware, the former head of booking for Carlson's show, Abby Grossberg, accuses Carlson and his staff of using similarly coarse language about women. That behavior — which Grossberg alleges created a toxic work environment — appears to have been a factor in his ouster as much as anything else.

Lemon's ouster came after he made a sexist and ageist remark on a CNN morning program that the Republican presidential aspirant Nikki Haley wasn't "in her prime" because, as he put it, "a woman is considered to be in prime in her 20s and 30s and maybe 40s." The statement was deeply offensive by any measure. But in television terms, it also strayed into cardinal-sin territory — it threatened to alienate an important ratings demographic. Though Lemon apologized, the network finally concluded that his future had become untenable.

But neither situation can be viewed outside of where the men stood on the shifting plates of the cable news terra firma.

Lemon was operating in a new environment at CNN, where a new network president, Chris Licht, made it clear he wanted to shave down what he views as the more partisan edges that emerged in the Trump years.

It was in no small part because of this shift that Licht moved Lemon from his 10 p.m. show last year and assigned him as a co-host of a new CNN breakfast program. "CNN This Morning" was positioned as a lighter, more conversational — and less edgy — program than the one from which Lemon was being vacated.

Yet it didn't quite take. "Don Lemon is a lightning rod because he really came to prominence during an era where that was celebrated and encouraged in prime time," Licht conceded at a media conference held by Semafor earlier this month. "CNN has moved on from that and Don has moved on from that." Now CNN has moved on from Don.

The signal is a little less clear from Fox News. The network and its leaders Lachlan and Rupert Murdoch had stood by Carlson for years as he drew wide condemnation for airing false and racist conspiracies that won him such cachet with so many of the Trump faithful.

Even as the Dominion lawsuit appeared to be heading full steam to trial, Carlson doubled down by running reports falsely portraying the Jan. 6 attack as a mostly peaceful event. It sent a signal that even under the threat of a huge lawsuit, ratings trumped all at Fox.

Following its settlement with Dominion last week, Fox was met with the unanswered question of whether the experience of the case was singeing enough to make Fox News pull back from airing the sort of unbridled, false conspiracy content that gave Dominion such a strong hand at court.

The abrupt end of Carlson's run at Fox News may not telegraph some broader pullback in the offing — indeed, there are various indications to the contrary. But his removal from Fox's prime time is a pullback all on its own, and a pretty major one at that.

Then again, over the course of the past 40 years, cable news, in its perpetual hunt for ratings and relevance, has inexorably moved toward ever more strident programming and personalities. Carlson's and Lemon's exits might be the end of one era in cable news. But if Fox and CNN are unable to resist the siren call of Trump's attention-grabbing bag of tricks in the pursuit of ratings, who is to say what the next one will truly look like?

NEWS BRIEFING

2 with ties to Bannon get prison for stealing funds for Trump's wall

From news services

NEW YORK — The co-founder of a fundraising group linked to Steve Bannon that promised to help then-President Donald Trump construct a wall along the southern U.S. border was sentenced to four years and three months in prison Wednesday for stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars from donors.

Brian Kolfage, a decorated Air Force veteran who lost his legs and an arm in the Iraq War, previously pleaded guilty for his role in siphoning donations from the We Build the Wall campaign.

A co-defendant, financier Andrew Badolato, was also sentenced to three years for aiding the effort. He had also pleaded guilty. A third man involved in taking funds from the wall project, Colorado businessman Tim Shea, will be sentenced in June.

Kolfage and Badolato also were ordered to pay $25 million to the victims.

Absent from the case was Bannon, Trump's former top political adviser. He was initially arrested aboard a luxury yacht and faced federal fraud charges along with the other men, but Trump pardoned him in his final hours in office.

Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg brought new state charges against Bannon last year. He is awaiting trial. Presidential pardons apply only to federal crimes, not state offenses.

Fugees rapper trial: A rapper from the 1990s hip-hop group the Fugees, accused in multimillion-dollar political conspiracies spanning two presidencies, was convicted Wednesday after a trial that included testimony ranging from actor Leonardo DiCaprio to former U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

Prakazrel "Pras" Michel was accused of funneling money from a now-fugitive Malaysian financier through straw donors to Barack Obama's 2012 reelection campaign, then trying to squelch a Justice Department investigation and later attempting to influence an extradition case on behalf of China under the Trump administration.

The defense argued the Grammy-winning rapper simply wanted to make money and got bad legal advice as he reinvented himself in the world of politics.

Haiti help sought: The U.N. special envoy for Haiti on Wednesday urged the immediate deployment of a specialized international force to counter escalating gang violence and develop the Caribbean nation's understaffed and ill-equipped police force.

But the United States and Canada again showed no interest in leading a force and neither did any member of the U.N. Security Council.

Maria Isabel Salvador, who took over the U.N. envoy job this month, warned that delays could lead to a spillover of insecurity in the Caribbean and into Latin America.

Vatican and women voting: Pope Francis has decided to give women the right to vote at an upcoming meeting of bishops, a historic reform that reflects his hopes to give women greater decision-making responsibilities and laypeople more say in the Catholic Church.

Francis approved changes to the norms governing the Synod of Bishops, a Vatican body that gathers the world's bishops together for periodic meetings, following years of demands by women to have the right to vote.

The Vatican on Wednesday published the modifications he approved, which emphasize his vision for the lay faithful taking on a greater role in church affairs that were long left to clerics, bishops and cardinals.

Catholic women's groups that have long criticized the Vatican for treating women as second-class citizens immediately praised the move as historic in the 2,000-year life of the church.

"This is a significant crack in the stained glass ceiling, and the result of sustained advocacy, activism and the witness" of a campaign of Catholic women's groups demanding the right to vote, said Kate McElwee of the Women's Ordination Conference, which advocates for women priests.

Ever since the Second Vatican Council, the 1960s meetings that modernized the church, popes have summoned the world's bishops to Rome for a few weeks at a time to debate particular topics. At the end of the meetings, the bishops vote on specific proposals and put them to the pope, who produces a document taking their views into account.

Under the changes, five religious sisters will join five priests as voting representatives for religious orders. Francis also decided to appoint 70 nonbishop members of the synod and has asked that half of them be women who can vote.

The next meeting, set for Oct. 4-29, is focused on the very topic of making the church more reflective of, and responsive to, the laity.

Labor secretary bid: President Joe Biden's nomination for the next labor secretary, Julie Su, advanced through a Senate committee Wednesday, but a handful of Democrats are withholding support, creating uncertainty ahead of a vote in the full chamber.

Su would be the first Asian American in the Biden administration to serve in the Cabinet at the secretary level. She was previously confirmed as the deputy labor secretary, but she has faced a campaign from business groups critical of her record leading California's labor department.

Democratic Sens. Joe Manchin, Jon Tester and Mark Kelly and Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, an independent, have all declined to say whether they would vote for her confirmation.

The Biden administration cannot afford to lose more than a couple of Democratic votes in the closely-divided Senate.

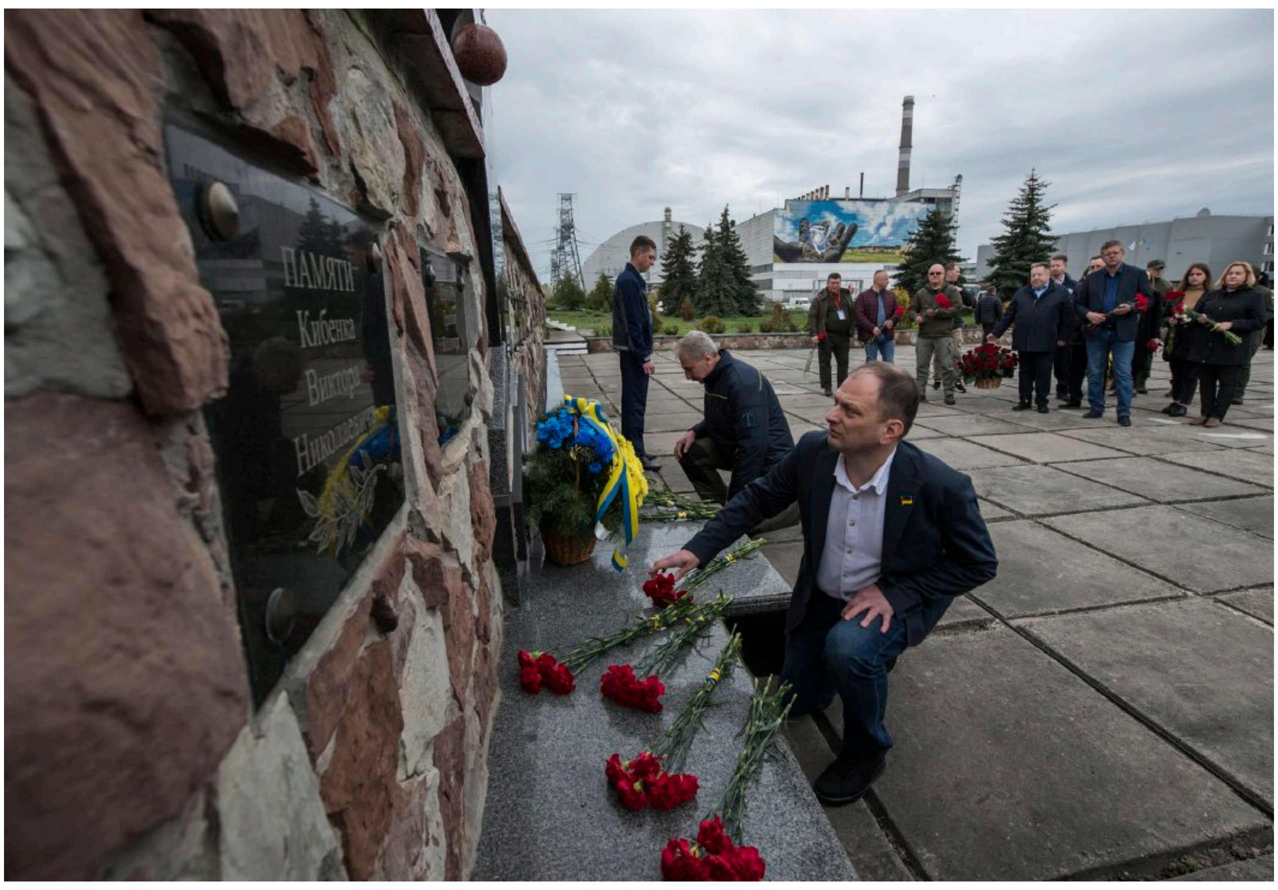
Transgender lawmaker: Republicans in Montana barred transgender lawmaker Zooey Zephyr from the House floor for the rest of the 2023 session on Wednesday in retaliation for her rebuking colleagues — and then participating in protests — after they voted to ban gender-affirming care for children.

The freshman lawmaker's punishment marks the first time that a Montana lawmaker has been censured in nearly half a century. It caps a weeklong standoff between her and House Republican leaders and formalizes Republican leaders' decision to not let Zephyr speak since she said those supportive of such a ban would have blood on their hands.

Zephyr will be able to vote and participate in committees, yet she is unable to discuss proposals and amendments under consideration with the 99 other members of the Montana House on the floor for the remainder of the 90-day legislative session, set to end in early May.

House Republicans who supported barring Zephyr from the floor accused her of placing lawmakers and staff at risk of harm for disrupting House proceedings by inciting protests in the chamber Monday. Authorities arrested seven people in a confrontation that they claim she encouraged.

"If you use decorum to silence people who hold you accountable, then all you're doing is using decorum as a tool of oppression," Zephyr told her colleagues.



Chernobyl nuclear power plant workers lay flowers at a monument to the victims of the Chernobyl tragedy during a 37th anniversary memorial ceremony Wednesday in Chernobyl, Ukraine. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on the anniversary of the world's worst nuclear disaster that Russia's war in Ukraine also poses a nuclear threat. **WLADYSLAW MUSIIENKO/AP**

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Kaleb Jackson, from left, Nadia Pillay, Kris Tori and Terreon Collins in Theatre Y's production of "We Are Proud to Present a Presentation About the Herero of Namibia, Formerly Known as Southwest Africa, From the German Südwestafrika, Between the Years 1884-1915." **DEVRON ENARSON PHOTOS**

REVIEW 'WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT' ★★★

A brave beginning for Theatre Y

By Emily McClanathan
For the Chicago Tribune

After several years of working to relocate from Lincoln Square to North Lawndale, Theatre Y finally has a new home: a four-story building at 3611 W. Cermak, a block south of the Pink Line's Central Park stop.

Since closing on the purchase of the former storage facility on Jan. 30, the company has launched a Monday night performance series and opened its first full-length production in the venue.

The ensemble-based theater is collaborating with local artists and community partners to determine how to "be the best resource possible" to the neighborhood, said artistic director Melissa Lorraine in an interview with the Tribune.

Initial feedback from the community includes several priorities: opening the venue during the day so people can come in from the heat or cold; providing opportunities for youth; and connecting the theater with various nonprofit organizations in North Lawndale to mutually support each other's missions. Some of these objectives will take longer than others, but youth programming is already underway.

Nadia Pillay, Kaleb Jackson, Eric K. Roberts and Terreon Collins in Theatre Y's production of "We Are Proud to Present."

In March 2022 Theatre Y partnered with the Firehouse Community Arts Center to begin a series of workshops in North Lawndale, led by local artist Marvin Tate and puppetry artisan Michael Montenegro.

The youth ensemble's devised show, "Little Carl" — which addresses gun violence through the art forms of puppetry, masks and poetry — premiered in North Lawndale in December 2022 and

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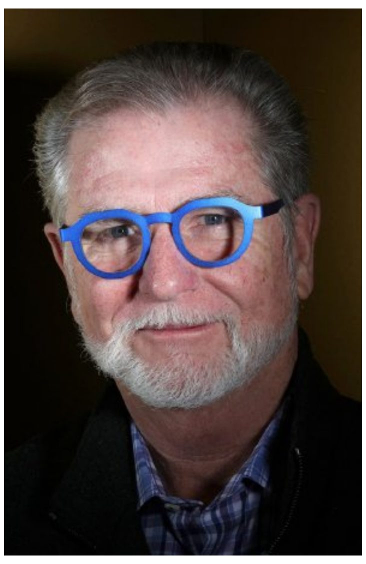
BJ Jones to direct new play at Northlight

By Doug George
Chicago Tribune

Northlight Theatre in Skokie has announced its 2023-24 season. The current upcoming slate of four shows, under artistic director BJ Jones and executive director Timothy J. Evans, opens in September at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, and includes a world premiere by John Patrick Shanley. Subscriptions are available at 847-673-6300 and northlight.org/subscribe. A fifth show will be announced at a later date.

'Birthday Candles' (Sept. 7 to Oct. 8): Directed by Jessica Thebus and starring Kate Fry. Noah Haidle's play revisits a woman's life over decades.

'Dial M For Murder' (Nov. 30 to Dec. 31): Directed by Georgette Verdin and adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher from the original by Frederick Knott, the murder mystery that inspired Hitchcock.



Northlight Theatre leader BJ Jones in 2016. **MICHAEL TERCHA/ CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

'Selling Kabul' (Jan. 25 to Feb. 25, 2024): Directed by Hamid Dehghani. Sylvia Khoury's Pulitzer finalist is about a former interpreter for the U.S. military in Afghanistan.

'Brooklyn Laundry' (April 11 to May 12, 2024): Jones directs a world premiere from Shanley, the author of "Moonstruck" and "Doubt," about a couple coming together later in life.

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Chance the Rapper announces 'Acid Rap' anniversary concert

By Doug George
Chicago Tribune

Chicago's own Chance the Rapper on Tuesday announced a big hometown concert in August: The Acid Rap Ten Year Anniversary Show.

Coming to the United Center Aug. 19, the concert will celebrate his 2013 mixtape "Acid Rap," the Billboard-charting, 14-track mix that catapulted him to rap stardom.

Tickets go on sale to the public at 10 a.m. Friday; more at livenation.com.

The concert will be produced by Live Nation and will be Chance's first performance at the United Center (1901 W. Madison St.) since 2019. Ticket prices have not yet been announced.

New name for Tinley Park venue

Also in Live Nation news, Credit Union 1 is the new naming sponsor of the venue formerly known as the Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre at Tinley Park. Effective immediately, it will be called the Credit Union 1 Amphitheatre.

Chance the Rapper performs at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Florida. **WILLIE J. ALLEN JR./ORLANDO SENTINEL 2022**

For those keeping score at home, the outdoor music venue at 19100 Ridgeland Ave. in southwest suburban Tinley Park opened in 1990 as the World Music Theatre. Then it was the New World Music Theatre, the Tweeter Center and First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre.

With a capacity of up to 28,000, this summer it is slated to host **Janet Jackson: Together Again** (May 27); **Shania Twain: Queen of Me Tour** (July 1); **Foreigner Historic Farewell Tour** (July 22); **Matchbox Twenty** (Aug. 6); **Nickelback** (Aug. 18); **ZZ Top & Lynyrd Skynyrd: The Sharp Dressed Simple Man Tour** (Aug. 19); **Disturbed: Take Back Your Life Tour** (Aug. 30); and **Rob Zombie and Alice Cooper: Freaks on Parade** (Sept. 1), among others.

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Actors Jennifer Beals, from left, Katherine Moennig and Leisha Hailey, press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre and executive producer Ilene Chaiken are seen Tuesday. **ANDREW HARNIK/AP**

CELEBRITIES

‘L Word’ cast praises Biden support

From news services

Cast members and the creator of the Showtime series “The L Word” praised President Joe Biden on Tuesday for his support of LGBTQ rights.

The groundbreaking show followed the lives of lesbian friends in Los Angeles, struggling with romance and careers. Actors Leisha Hailey, Jennifer Beals and Katherine Moennig and executive producer Ilene Chaiken joined White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre, the first openly gay woman to hold the job, at a press briefing in honor of Lesbian Visibility Week.

Chaiken said the LGBTQ community is “painfully aware that our struggles are far from over,” citing book bans and attacks on members of the community. The Florida state Board of Education approved a ban on classroom instruction about sexual orientation and gender identity in all grades last week, expanding the law that bans such lessons up to third grade.

“They may try to erase our stories from classrooms and libraries,” Chaiken said, “but we’re here today, here at the White House. We won’t be erased.”

Hailey spoke about growing up a young gay girl in Nebraska with the support of her parents, which made all the difference for her. She has been visible on “The L Word” for 20 years. “But visibility is not just the act of being seen, it is the ability to see,” she said. “Even if it feels like you’re under attack, know that we see you.”

“The L Word” ran from 2004 to 2009 on Showtime. A sequel, “The L Word: Generation Q,” ran from 2019 to early 2023.

Streep wins Princess of Asturias award: Meryl Streep has won one of Spain’s most prestigious awards in the arts for her long career of acting excellence, the jury of the Princess of Asturias awards said Wednesday.

The jury said that in her nearly five decades on screen, Streep, 73, has “developed a brilliant career that has given life to full and complex feminine characters, which inspire reflection and a critical spirit in the spectator.”

The $55,000 award is one of eight prizes covering the arts, communication, science and other areas that are handed out annually by the foundation named for Spanish Crown Princess Leonor. An awards ceremony will take place in October.

Mercury collection for sale: Freddie Mercury’s extensive collection of costumes, fine art and handwritten working lyrics for “We Are the Champions” and “Killer Queen” will be auctioned in September.

Queen’s frontman had said he wanted to live a Victorian life surrounded by “exquisite clutter,” and he left it all to his close friend, Mary Austin, when he died at age 45 in 1991. Austin said she had reached the “difficult decision” that it was time to sell it all, Sotheby’s said.

Some of the roughly 1,500 items going up for sale will be exhibited in New York, Los Angeles and Hong Kong during a tour in June. The auction will be held in September. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to charity.

April 27 birthdays: Actor Anouk Aimee is 91. Singer Kate Pierson is 75. Singer Herbie Murrell is 74. Actor Douglas Sheehan is 74. Guitarist Ace Frehley is 72. Singer Sheena Easton is 64. Singer Mica Paris is 54. Actor Sally Hawkins is 47. Guitarist John Osborne is 41. Musician Patrick Stump is 39. Actor William Moseley is 36. Singer Lizzo is 35.

ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Favoritism concerns potential stepmother

Dear Amy: My boyfriend “Steve” and I have been together for over two years. He is extremely kind to me. I can see a long-term future with him.

Steve is divorced with three children, ages 5 (a son “A”), 7 (a daughter, “B”) and 9 (a son, “C”). He and his ex-wife have an acrimonious relationship, but have a loose agreement regarding the children. He gets the kids every other weekend and also sees them during the weekdays.

The issue is this: Steve openly favors the youngest, “A,” and is openly disdainful of the middle child, “B.” I have spoken to him repeatedly of the obvious favoritism and the mistreatment of his daughter, but he then accuses me of favoring her. When we get into arguments about the kids, he will blame the kids for me being upset and will punish them.

B recently confided in me that their mother threatened to take him to court if he didn’t change his behavior toward them. B has told both me and her mother about this favoritism, but Steve will deny it, even though multiple people have brought it to his attention. I am worried that if he doesn’t start rectifying his relationship with his daughter, his ex will take him to court.

I am also torn, wondering if I should stay with someone who refuses to accept any responsibility in conflict, particularly when it comes to his children.

— *Conflicted Girlfriend in Tennessee*

Dear Conflicted: No, you should not stay with someone who refuses to accept any responsibility regarding conflicts, and who punishes his children if you become upset.

These parents seem flawed — for instance, using a 9-year-old to convey a message regarding pulling her father into court shows poor judgment on the mother’s part. You are someone outside these family units who nonetheless has a valid point of view regarding these children.

When pondering life in the longer term with this man, imagine the next 10 years with three children growing into challenging adolescent and teen years, with you trying to mediate on the kids’ behalf between two warring parents, with at least one of these parents unwilling to alter his behavior. You should be with someone who is willing to co-parent through conflict, because when it comes to stepparenting, if you don’t work as a team, you don’t work.

Dear Amy: My husband was recently diagnosed with cancer for the second time. While we have been assured that this is not a death sentence, we have an unpredictable journey ahead of us.

Would you please ask your readers not to dismiss news like this? One person said to me, “Oh, that cancer is nothing!” Maybe it would be nothing to her, but it is certainly something to us.

And I know that people mean well when they say, “I know several people who have had cancer and they’re fine.” More people are surviving cancer today, but we are in the early stages and uncertain about everything.

What is even worse is one friend telling us about all of the people he knew with that cancer who subsequently died. Comments like these don’t help and create more anxiety for the patient and family. Thank you for letting me vent.

— *Retired English Professor*

Dear Professor: I am running your comment as yet another in a series of “public service announcements” regarding how people sometimes respond to troubling health news.

I once watched someone dismiss a friend’s obvious concern regarding a cancer diagnosis with the familiar: “I had a friend with that, and it’s no big deal.”

This might seem helpful, but what they are doing is telling a very worried person that their current feelings are not legitimate.

Dear Amy: Like “Old Worrier,” I met a woman and knew immediately that she was “the one.” I gave her a ring, and she gave me the news that she was pregnant by a one-night stand.

I knew that she was a human — just like me. I also knew that if she was divorced or a widow with a child, I would still marry her. Well into our senior years now, we know this was the best choice we ever made.

— *Anonymous*

Dear Anonymous: Beautiful!

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Lee Cronin is seen with Alyssa Sutherland on the “Evil Dead Rise” set. **WARNER BROS. PICTURES**

Cronin terrorizes urban family in fresh take on ‘Evil Dead’ lore

By Krysta Fauria
Associated Press

When director Lee Cronin set out to make the latest installment of the “Evil Dead” franchise, he knew he wanted to bring a fresh angle to his version of the iconic horror series while still giving winks and nods throughout to his source material.

“I didn’t want to reboot a reboot or reboot something from before. So, I needed to find a new world, new characters,” he said.

After meeting with Sam Raimi, who created the original 1981 film “Evil Dead,” Cronin walked away with two stipulations for his new movie, “Evil Dead Rise,” now in theaters. He wanted to take the “Evil Dead” lore to an urban environment, unlike the traditional rural cabin setting, and he wanted the story to center on a family.

“The cogs started turning in my mind, and I knew family and city and a kind of a world that maybe people could identify with,” Cronin recalled. “I started to look at the construct of that family and then to look at some of the people in my own life.”

Those people included “powerful women figures,” which inspired the director to make the first “Evil Dead” installment with a cast primarily comprising women.

“Evil Dead Rise” follows two sisters, Ellie (Alyssa Sutherland) and Beth (Lily Sullivan). After her children discover a strange book hidden beneath their Los Angeles apartment building, Ellie becomes possessed by a demon hellbent on destroying everything in its path, leaving Aunt Beth with the seemingly futile task of trying to escape with the kids.

That backdrop, Cronin said, was ripe for probing the psychological terrors that can stem from familial relationships and that would be compounded by the existential threat of a blood-lusting demon.

“That works quite well in horror storytelling because every single human carries baggage with them every day,” he said. “It just lent itself to this exploration of maternal affairs and what it might mean if you’re a mother or what it might mean if your mother was to turn on you.”

Although Cronin thought through his heady inquiry of maternal relationships and attachment theory, “Evil Dead Rise” is, like the other films in its franchise, at its core a terrifying and bloody 100 minutes of entertainment.

While the film asked a lot physically of both Sutherland and Sullivan, they said it was ultimately an enjoyable and cathartic project. “To see a really horrific woman and play a horrific woman on screen, that was wonderful,” Sutherland said.

“I would love to say that it was like a real struggle to get to that place, but I recognized that I am a little bit of a former people pleaser, and I had a lot of unexpressed rage, and I just tapped into that,” she added, musing that a lot of women can probably relate.

While Sullivan recalled some of the physical demands she endured, like being submerged in fake blood, as being a “form of torture,” she and Sutherland said their days were ameliorated by the fact that their contracts included a “self-care fund” — which they spent on frequent massages.

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will play at Chicago Shakespeare Theater in May.

Following Theatre Y’s housewarming party Feb. 27, which more than 200 people attended, the company began hosting a weekly series called the “Monday Night Buzz.”

Curated by a rotating roster of local artists, programs include karaoke, hip-hop, improvisation and community dialogues. These evenings have been “beautiful” and “exuberant” from the start, Lorraine said.

“After every time we’ve opened the doors, I’ve heard somebody say, ‘And now I get to walk home; that never happens,’ ” she said. “You know just how long it’s been since this community has been able to enjoy leisure and entertainment in their own backyard.”

The company’s future plans for the venue, beyond some much-needed renovations, include adding a coffee shop and bookstore in the front lobby. By 2024 Theatre Y aims to become the third location for Beelove Café, which is run by the North Lawndale Employment Network, a nonprofit that provides financial and employment services for underemployed and unemployed local residents.

It also hopes to partner with Open Books, a literacy-focused nonprofit, to bring a “pay what you want” bookstore to the space. In addition, the theater is developing the upper floors of the building into residences and studios for artists.

For Theatre Y’s first production in the new venue, Lorraine tapped director Kezia Waters, who appeared in “Laughing Song” last summer.

Together, they chose to produce a 2012 play by Pulitzer Prize winner Jackie Sibblies Drury with the long-winded title, “We Are Proud to Present a Presentation About the Herero of Namibia, Formerly Known as Southwest Africa, From the German Südwestafrika, Between the Years 1884-1915.”

Drury’s script offers a meta take on colonialism, white supremacy and representation through the lens of a theater company, comprising three Black actors and three white actors, as they devise a play about the German genocide of the Herero and Nama peoples.

Beginning in the realm of comedy, the play goes to very dark places as the ensemble wrestles over how to tell the truth about this terribly violent period, which is often overshadowed by the many other genocides that fill our history books. Theatre Y encourages audience members to stay for talkbacks with the cast after each performance, where they can process emotions and share feedback about this challenging show.

“I was interested in producing this play as our first production in North Lawndale as a way of exposing the elephant in the room,” Lorraine said. “We are here as an act of intentional integration, and we can’t just jump to singing ‘Kumbaya.’

“There’s a lot that needs to be acknowledged about our presence, about our past, about what we are not yet past. And so, to me, this play was just putting on the table the mess we’re in and then asking as a collective, ‘What now?’ ”

Under Waters’ direction, the cast of “We Are Proud to Present” leans into the most ridiculous bits of comedy and most gut-wrenching acts of violence. The early scenes are largely a sendup of the finicky processes and precious attitudes of theater actors. Kris Tori’s character — the sole white woman in the fictional ensemble — agonizes over how to discover the motivation of the German woman she plays, spinning an increasingly silly backstory that ends in the declaration, “All that Sarah wants is to be impregnated!”

But a conflict quickly arises over the question of source materials. The only primary sources the ensemble has to work with are letters written by German soldiers stationed in Namibia — or Südwestafrika, as the colonists called it. Several of the Black actors point out these letters present a whitewashed version of history and exclude the voices of the Indigenous people.

On the other hand, how can these actors tell the truth about marginalized people who have largely been erased from the historical record?

With tensions rising, the fictional director (played by Nadia Pillay) urges the cast onward, and they improvise scenes about the brutality of the Germans toward the Herero. For those who are unfamiliar with this history, the Germans passed discriminatory laws that allowed colonists to seize Indigenous land and cattle, then forced the Herero into labor camps and issued an extermination order that led to the deaths of more than 80% of the tribe.

As the action escalates toward a final sequence enacted by Eric K. Roberts and Kaleb Jackson that includes racist jokes, gunshots and an attempted hanging, the lines blur between actors and characters, between German and American racial violence.

To be sure, “We Are Proud to Present” is a bold way to begin Theatre Y’s tenure in North Lawndale. At the talkback last Saturday afternoon, audience responses — while largely positive — varied as much as the lived experiences of the people in attendance.

As the company transforms its new building into a dream venue, I look forward to seeing how Theatre Y continues to develop its programming in partnership with the local community.

When: Through May 21
Where: Theatre Y,
3611 W. Cermak Road
Running time: 2 hours
Tickets: Free or pay-what-you-can (up to $60) at 773-908-2248 and theatre-y.com

Breaking up chores into manageable chunks is more tolerable and often more productive. **STEFFI WALTHALL/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Annual ritual of renewal

Spring cleaning was once backbreaking work. For many, the tradition of it still is

By Derrick Bryson Taylor
The New York Times

Rajiv Surendra says his cleaning routine is inexpensive. **ELIAS WILLIAMS/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

It is a cold day in northeastern New Jersey, and Jessica Holoka is carefully taking inventory around the home she shares with her husband of 11 years. She is not planning to move, nor is she preparing for doomsday. She's gearing up for her annual spring cleaning marathon, some three months away.

Holoka, 41, does not take spring cleaning lightly. It involves about a week of backbreaking work. The blinds, windows and trim must be washed, the rugs shampooed, the ceiling fans cleaned, the bathroom — including the tiles and grout — scrubbed to perfection, the refrigerator cleaned out and the smoke detectors checked. To top it all off, the paint throughout the home must be touched up. In a good year, her car might get a thorough cleaning, too.

Holoka said her husband, Mike Holoka, usually hangs out in the garage or assigns himself yard work for that week, while she spends a few hours each day tackling various tasks.

Odds are she'll have plenty of company. Spring cleaning has its roots in a dirtier time, when people heated their homes by burning wood and, later, coal, and the end of winter meant scrubbing surfaces caked with soot and dirt. The tradition endures today as an annual ritual of purification and renewal — a time to purge old clothing, shred junk mail, donate unwanted food and clear the gutters.

"I'm a self-proclaimed clean freak, a female Danny Tanner," Holoka said, referring to Bob Saget's character from the sitcom "Full House." "I prefer to do it alone. I feel like everybody has a certain way that they clean."

Holoka, a lifestyle blogger, shares recipes and do-it-yourself projects on her website, living lavidaholoka.com. She said she never feels overwhelmed by the volume of work that awaits her each spring because she prepares for it, and because she keeps a well-stocked cleaning kit.

The idea of an annual deep cleaning is not new, but it's not possible to assign a date to when the tradition began, said Susan Strasser, a historian and the author of "Never Done: A History of American Housework."

Before the 20th century, all light and heat in households came from burning fuels, Strasser said, and before kerosene and coal, people heated their homes with fires. That meant that by the end of winter there was soot and dust all over the house. "People who valued cleanliness at all really had to clean up in the spring because the winter left places really dirty," she said.

For some, spring cleaning takes place around the time of the vernal equinox, which this year fell on March 20. Others take their cues from nature, choosing to break out the sponges and brooms when the trees begin budding and the flowers begin blooming. Some Jewish families do a type of spring cleaning, principally in the kitchen, in preparation for Passover.

The number of Americans who do some sort of spring cleaning appears to be rising. A survey by the American Cleaning Institute, which represents producers of household and industrial cleaning products, found that 78% of Americans did an annual spring cleaning last year, up about 10% from 2021.

On social media, there is a sharp divide between people who love to clean and those who despise it. On TikTok, videos tagged "cleantok," many of which show cleaning tips and hacks, have received nearly 27 billion views. On Facebook, there are groups where people vent about their hatred of cleaning, and on Twitter, a search for "I hate cleaning" returned hundreds of tweets from people complaining about having to tidy their kitchens, bathrooms and bedrooms.

Complaints on the subject are well documented. In 1866, Emily Dickinson wrote in a letter: " 'House' is being 'cleaned.' I prefer pestilence." Nellie Kedzie Jones, a pioneer in home economics who taught "domestic science" at several universities in the late 1800s and early 1900s, wrote that spring cleaning was an "abomination of desolation" and that the task "breaks women's backs and causes men to break the Ten Commandments."

House cleaning is "the kind of work that we just don't think of," Strasser, the author and historian, said, in part because women traditionally have done the bulk of it.

In an earlier time, before the turn of the last century, heavy curtains that were used to insulate a home during the winter would be removed, she said. Walls would be whitewashed, and carpets would be removed and beaten. Chimneys would be swept out and the windows thoroughly cleaned.

"You start on the top floor and one by one, literally, take the rooms apart," Strasser said.

In modern times, few people take their spring cleaning to such extremes. But Rajiv Surendra, a calligrapher, domestic arts specialist and actor ("Mean Girls"), relishes his cleaning ritual.

Surendra, who lives on the Upper West Side of Manhattan in New York, has a YouTube channel where he teaches the art of living well, offering tips on how to iron a shirt, for example, or how to properly wash whites.

"I don't believe there is a more effective way of cleaning the floor than being on your hands and knees, what I call 'Cinderella style,' " Surendra said. "I do a full, full clean twice a year."

Surendra said the process, which includes precariously maneuvering himself to clean the outside of the windows of his one-bedroom apartment, takes him about a week.

"For the week that I'm cleaning, I feel like I'm not living, like I pressed the pause button," he said. But his cleaning routine is inexpensive. The biggest cost is time, as he typically sets aside commissions or projects to focus on cleaning.

He also recommends decluttering. As he cleans, he makes a point of touching every item in his possession at least once, he said. Anything left behind, he said, needs to be washed, polished, vacuumed or dusted.

"Clean smells really good," he said. "My smell of clean is not something that's associated with a product. It's this emptiness. It's space. It also feels like peace."

Tips for separating remote work from home

By Cathy Hobbs
Tribune News Service

As home and work have converged for many, it can be challenging to discern how to separate the two.

How do you avoid having home feel like "the office" while still creating an environment that feels like home? Where is the work-life balance?

Here are some recommendations for designing an ideal blend of work and relaxation under the same roof.

1. Create a separate area for work. Ideally, this should be a separate room. If you can't, creating a work "zone" that is separate and distinct from other activities will help.

2. Take frequent breaks during the day. Once in the morning, once around lunch and once before the end of the day is ideal.

3. Spend some time outdoors. Taking time for a breath of fresh air will help instill a sense of calm.

4. Infuse soothing colors to inspire serenity. Pure white, neutrals and soothing blues are a good place to start.

5. Incorporate greenery and other natural elements. Trees and plants can go a long way in helping a space feel modern and fresh.

6. Use as much natural sunlight as possible, or infuse as much light as possible into a space. Sunlight can help increase serotonin in the brain.

7. Consider incorporating scent or fragrance. A calming effect can come from soothing the senses through aromatherapy.

8. Experiment with mirrors. Mirrors reflect light and can act like windows in a space.

9. Use wood and wood-like elements. This can help ground a space and make it feel cozy.

Trees and plants can go a long way in helping a workspace feel modern and fresh. **DREAMSTIME**

Remove stakes or wrappings from young trees now. It's one of the tasks to get done in spring. **COURTESY**

8 things you can do to keep plants healthy

By Beth Botts
For the Chicago Tribune

Spring can go by fast. "Think ahead now," said Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle. "Many tasks are much easier when the plants in your garden are still relatively small."

Here are some suggestions from the Plant Clinic.

Remove tree wraps and stakes. Take off anything you wrapped around the tree's trunk for the winter. Leaving it on too late in the season can trap moisture that can cause decay. If you installed stakes when you planted a tree last year, remove them now. "Moving with the wind will make a young tree's trunk stronger," Yiesla said. The Arboretum generally does not recommend the use of tree stakes or wraps.

Install plant supports. Place peony rings and other structures that restrain floppy plants while the plant sprouts are still low. "If you get them in place in time, peonies and other perennials will grow right up through the rings," she said.

Lay out soaker hoses. These hoses, which allow water to ooze out slowly all along their length, are a good way to conserve water and avoid getting foliage wet. They can be hard to install around mature plants that are tall and full. Instead, lay them out early in spring, winding them around sprouting perennials or along rows in vegetable gardens, and leave them in place through the season.

Start weeding. Many perennial weeds, such as creeping Charlie, start growing before garden plants sprout. They are easiest to identify and remove when they first sprout before they grow large and get tangled up with other plants. "If you weed thoroughly in spring, it will be easier to keep up with the weeding through the season," Yiesla said.

Inspect trees and shrubs. Pest and disease problems can be harder to spot once trees and shrubs leaf out. Look them over now and get expert advice about how to deal with anything that looks suspicious.

Turn the compost pile. If you have finished compost in the pile, use it to top-dress garden beds now. Mix up any undecayed materials to introduce oxygen that will help the composing organisms multiply. "That will give your compost pile a good start, and get it ready for all the plant waste you will add through the season," Yiesla said.

Install tomato stakes when you plant. In mid-May, when it's safe to plant tomatoes, peppers, and other subtropical plants outdoors, have your tomato stakes or cages ready. "Don't wait until you realize how large your tomato plant is getting," she said.

Clean, sharpen, and sterilize your tools. Sharpen shovels and hoes with a medium-grit file. Use a diamond file or pruner sharpener to make sure your pruners and loppers have a sharp cutting edge. Use a 75% or 90% strength rubbing alcohol to sterilize them, and keep the rubbing alcohol handy to sterilize tools as you work on pruning projects. "If you don't want to sharpen your tools yourself, many hardware stores offer that service," Yiesla said.

For tree and plant advice, contact the Plant Clinic at The Morton Arboretum (630-719-2424, mortonarb.org/plant-clinic, or plantclinic@mortonarb.org). Beth Botts is a staff writer at the Arboretum.

GARDEN Q&A

Avoid damaging utility lines when digging up your garden

By Tim Johnson
For the Chicago Tribune

I think there are phone and cable television lines buried underneath my new house. I see where the lines enter the house in the back. How can I avoid damaging them as I dig out plants and install new ones this spring?
— David Brandis, Niles

It's a good idea to have utilities in your garden marked to avoid damaging them when you have projects that involve digging in the soil. Some examples of work for which you should have your utilities located are digging with a shovel, planting, tilling and installing posts. If you are planting annuals or ground covers with a garden trowel, it is unlikely that you would damage a television cable or phone line, so locating them for this work is not as important. However, if you are spading compost into a garden bed first, you should have them located. Cable television and phone lines tend to be very shallow (1- to 2-inches deep) and very easy to cut with a spade. Place additional utility locate requests if your project is going to last longer than 14 days. I unknowingly cut a cable television line once while edging a bed and have cut a few cable lines while planting small shrubs and perennials. Natural gas lines are usually installed more deeply, but I cut a gas line once at about a 4-inch depth 20 feet away from the house. Natural gas doesn't have any odor, but most gas companies add small quantities of a compound called mercaptan to give it a distinctive smell of rotten eggs as an alert of a leak. If in doubt as to whether there are utility lines present, err on the side of calling to have the utilities located for your property.

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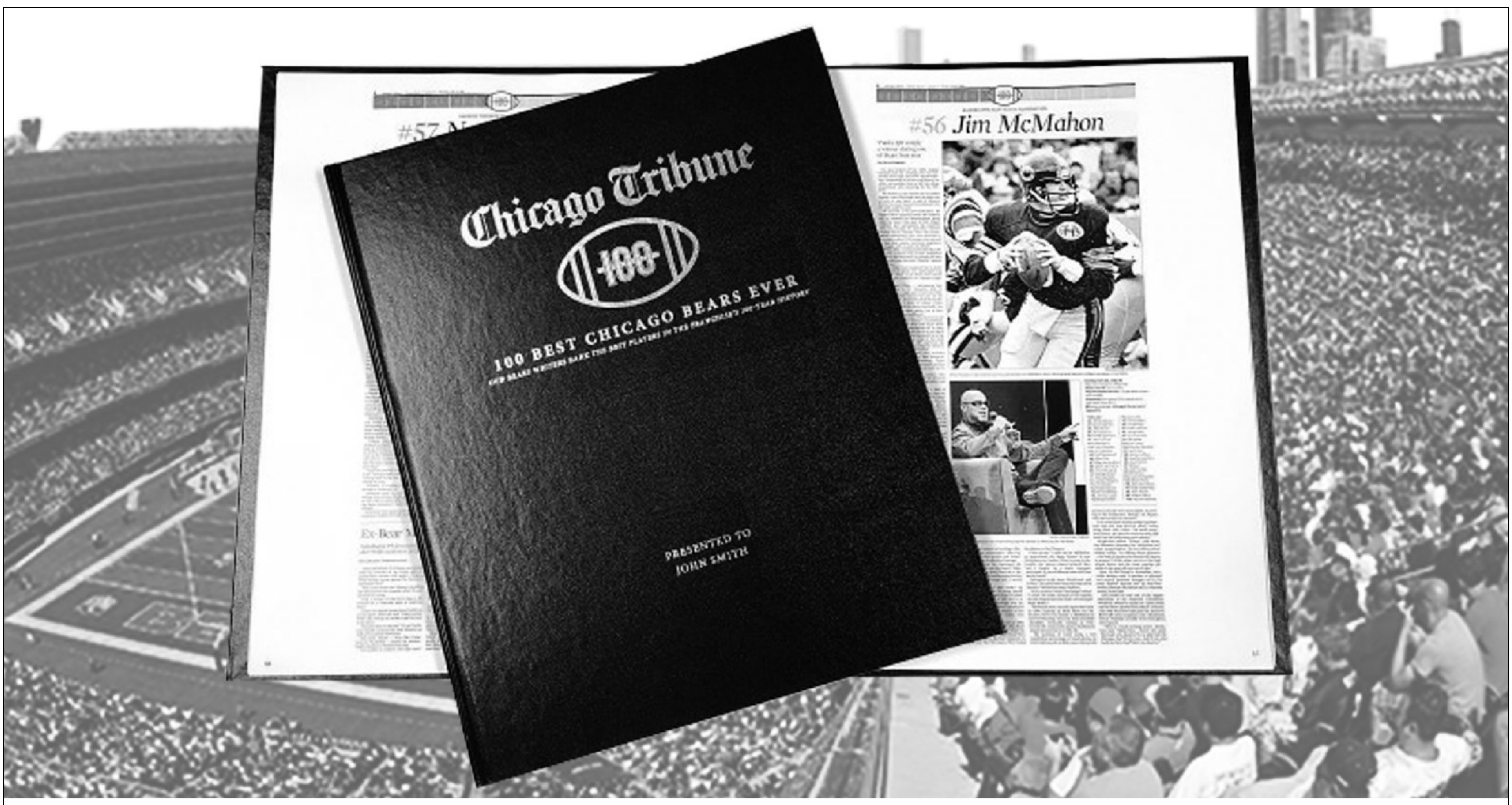
JULIE stands for Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators. It is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to keeping Illinois safe and connected. JULIE staff does not visit sites to mark the utility lines but informs member utility companies so that they can mark your garden for safe digging. They send a professional locator to mark your lines using color-coded flags and paint. Red is for electric, yellow is for gas, orange is for communications, blue is for potable (drinking) water and green is for sewer lines. The member companies only mark the underground lines that they own and not any lines that you have installed or privately own. Some examples include gas lines for a fire pit, grill or light, landscape lighting electric lines, and irrigation piping. I cut the gas supply line for a swimming pool heater as it was not located by JULIE. If your site is clear of a particular utility line, you will find a flag with OK on it or OK painted on the ground. Other lines will be marked with paint and flags. It is a good idea to use a white flag or white paint to mark where you plan to dig before contacting JULIE.

Contact JULIE, Inc. to mark your utilities by calling 8-1-1 or 1-800-892-0123 two business days before you plan to begin digging (exclude weekend days and holidays as part of the count). It is best to allow more than two business days after contacting JULIE before planning to start your project as the marking can take longer during busy construction periods. I have found it has generally taken longer than two business days over the last couple of years to get the utilities marked. It is a free service. The JULIE call centers are staffed 24 hours a day and seven days a week. You can also submit a locate request through the JULIE website, at www.illinois-1call.com. I have processed locate requests using both methods and found them very easy to use and convenient. JULIE covers the state of Illinois, outside the city of Chicago. If you are digging in Chicago, call 8-1-1 or 312-744-7000.

Dig carefully by hand when you are working within 18 inches of any marked underground utilities. On occasion, I will carefully dig and expose cable television and phone lines and move them to the side when planting very close to them. These lines are very easy to damage and cut through with a spade. If you end up damaging a utility line, contact that utility company for repairs. Also, be careful when digging in gardens with underground sprinklers, as the black polyvinyl piping commonly used for sprinkler systems is also easy to cut with a spade and generally very shallow. Look for irrigation heads for clues as to where the pipes are located — they are generally installed in straight lines from irrigation head to irrigation head.

For more plant advice, contact the Plant Information Service at the Chicago Botanic Garden at plantinfo@chicagobotanic.org. Tim Johnson is senior director of horticulture at the Chicago Botanic Garden.



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All times Central. Start times can vary based on cable/satellite provider. Confirm times on your on-screen guide.

Firefly Lane

Netflix ■ Series Finale

The drama's final seven episodes drop today, holding the answer to what could possibly have ended the tightknit, 30-year friendship between Tully (Katherine Heigl) and Kate (Sarah Chalke).

The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning

Peacock ■ New Series

In this series executive produced and hosted by Amy Poehler, three Swedes known as the "Death Cleaners" — an organizer, a designer and a psychologist — come to America to help people organize their homes and their lives before it's too late, in a delightful journey of laughter and hope.

NFL Draft: Round 1

ABC, ESPN & NFL Network, 7 p.m. Live

The Carolina Panthers have the first pick (via trade with the Chicago Bears) in Round 1 of the NFL Draft tonight in Kansas City. ABC, ESPN, ESPN2 and NFL Network combine to televise all seven rounds through Saturday.

Young Sheldon

CBS, 7 p.m.

Sheldon (Iain Armitage) wants to search for life on other planets and Mandy (Emily Osment) answers Georgie's (Montana Jordan) marriage proposal in the new episode "Little Green Men and a Fella's Marriage Proposal."

Walker

The CW, 7 p.m.

In "Daddy Was a Bank Robber," an old friend returns with a surprise; a new case forces Trey (Jeff Pierre) and Cassie (Ashley Reyes) to overcome their issues.

Next Level Chef

FOX, 7 p.m.

In the new episode "Bake It 'Til You Make It," contestants are tasked with baking a next-level dessert that looks as delicious as it tastes.

So Help Me Todd

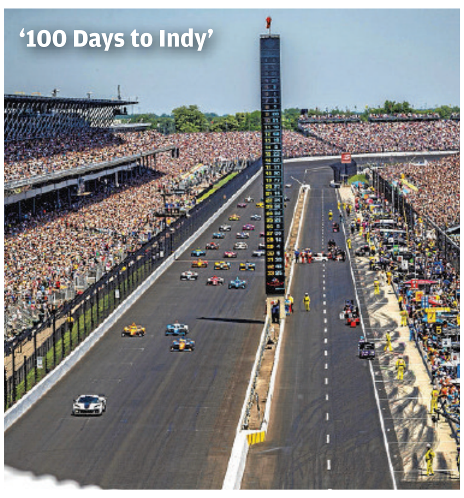
CBS, 8 p.m.

In the new episode "Gloom and Boom," a stranger with a bomb appears at the law firm demanding Margaret (Marcia Gay Harden) reverse her efforts to free her client on death row or the bomb will detonate.

100 Days to Indy

The CW, 8 p.m. ■ New Series

This six-part docuseries takes fans behind the scenes to chronicle NTT IndyCar Series stars like Marcus Ericsson, Josef Newgarden, Pato O'Ward and Helio Castroneves from the start of the racing season up to the 107th running of the Indianapolis 500.



SEAN BIRKLE, INDYCAR

Animal Control

FOX, 8 p.m.

Frank (Joel McHale) battles with the idea of getting older when Templeton (Gerry Dee) benches him on the basketball team in the new episode "Birds and Foxes."

Law & Order: Special Victims Unit

NBC, 8 p.m.

In "Bend the Law," Carisi (Peter Scanavino) must tread carefully when Maxwell's (Betty Buckley) husband becomes a person of interest in an SVU investigation. Meanwhile, Benson (Mariska Hargitay) sends Velasco (Octavio Pisano) to take an old friend into custody.

The Last Last Late Late Show

CBS, 9 p.m.

James Corden will sign off as host of The Late Late Show tonight, and CBS is celebrating Corden's eight years on the talk show with this one-hour special. Tom Cruise joins Corden for one final sketch as they take part in an epic musical performance during The Lion King at the Pantages Theater in Hollywood.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE

'Transformers: The Last Knight'

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A Summer Romance (2019, Romance) Erin Krakow, Ryan Paevey **Hallmark, 5 p.m.**

Field of Dreams (1989, Fantasy) Kevin Costner, Amy Madigan **BBC America, 5 p.m.**

In Love With My Partner's Wife (2022, Suspense) Gina Vitori, Andrew Spach **LMN, 5 p.m.**

Barbershop (2002, Comedy) Ice Cube, Anthony Anderson **E!, 6 p.m.**

The Martian (2015, Science fiction) Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain **FX, 6 p.m.**

A Pinch of Portugal (2023, Romance) Heather Hemmens, Luke Mitchell **Hallmark, 7 p.m.**

Hidden Murder Island (2023, Suspense) Andrea Bogart, Donny Boaz **LMN, 7 p.m.**

Lethal Weapon (1987, Action) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover **AMC, 7 p.m.**

Transformers: The Last Knight (2017, Action) Mark Wahlberg, Anthony Hopkins **USA, 7 p.m.**

Home, Not Alone (2023, Suspense) Andrea Bogart, Adam Huss **LMN, 9 p.m.**

Lethal Weapon 2 (1989, Action) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover **AMC, 9:30 p.m.**

The Hitman's Bodyguard (2017, Action) Ryan Reynolds, Samuel L. Jackson **Paramount, 9:30 p.m.**

CATCH A CLASSIC

Warner Bros. 100th Anniversary: Great Directors at Warner Bros.

TCM, beginning at 7 p.m.

Turner Classic Movies' monthlong celebration of Warner Bros.' centennial continues with the last Thursday evening of titles from legendary directors who helmed films for Warner. First tonight are two movies from long-standing Warner director Clint Eastwood: **Bird** (1988), the biopic about jazz legend Charlie Parker (played by Forest Whitaker), and the Best Picture Oscar-winning 1992 Western **Unforgiven (pictured),** which netted Eastwood a Best Director win and earned him a Best Actor nomination. Next come two titles from director Alan J. Pakula: the acclaimed 1971 mystery **Klute,** led by Best Actress Oscar winner Jane Fonda and Donald Sutherland, and the TCM premiere of **Rollover** (1981), a political thriller also led by Fonda, along with Kris Kristofferson. The evening concludes with two Sidney Lumet features: the comedy **Bye Bye Braverman** (1968) and the darkly comedic mystery **Deathtrap** (1982), starring Michael Caine and Christopher Reeve.

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Director weaves dual narrative of Shakur, mother in docuseries

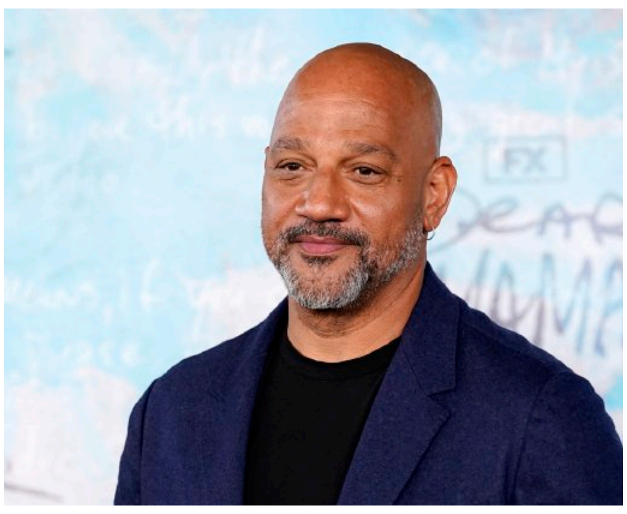
By Jonathan Landrum Jr.
Associated Press

Filmmaker Allen Hughes thought participating in any Tupac Shakur project was a far-fetched idea, especially after surviving a brutal altercation involving him and the rap legend three decades ago.

For years, Hughes held a grudge even after a public apology from Shakur — who along with nearly a dozen gang members in 1993 physically attacked the filmmaker for firing the rapper from the film "Menace II Society." He and brother Albert Hughes had previously directed Shakur's "Brenda's Got a Baby" music video. After the dispute, Shakur was convicted and served about two weeks in jail.

It took Allen Hughes some time, but he finally stopped holding onto his resentment a few years ago when Shakur's estate approached him to direct the documentary "Dear Mama," which recently premiered on FX and is streaming on Hulu. The five-part docuseries explores how the mother-son duo of Tupac and Afeni Shakur shaped American history. "Dear Mama" delves into Afeni's past as a female leader in the Black Panther Party, while exploring Tupac's journey as a political visionary and one of the greatest rap artists of all time.

This interview with Hughes has been edited for clarity and length.



Director Allen Hughes is seen April 18 at the premiere of the docuseries "Dear Mama" in Los Angeles. **CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP**

Q: Given your turbulent past with Tupac, did you have any hesitation about doing this project?

A: I wasn't sure if I wanted to do it because of obvious personal reasons. It takes a lot out of you doing documentaries, too — especially if you do it over the course of a few years, like we did this one. But once I realized that there wasn't enough about Tupac that I didn't realize, it might be better to explore him through his mother and make it a dual narrative. The estate and family were down with that.

Q: What new did you learn about Afeni while filming the project?

A: I knew she was a Black Panther. I knew she had addiction difficulties and challenges that she overcame. That's all I knew. Anything in the film about her in the Panther 21 case trial that they were going to be sent away for 360 years for allegedly plotting to bomb all these places in and around New York City and her defending herself, her closing statement to the court — I didn't know any of that stuff.

Q: What about Tupac?

A: I didn't know about his poverty. I come from welfare in the worst parts of Detroit being just poor. But my poorness pales in comparison to Tupac's poverty and not knowing where your next meal is going to come from throughout your adolescence. I didn't know there was an expectation for him to pick the Black Panther movement up and become the new leader.

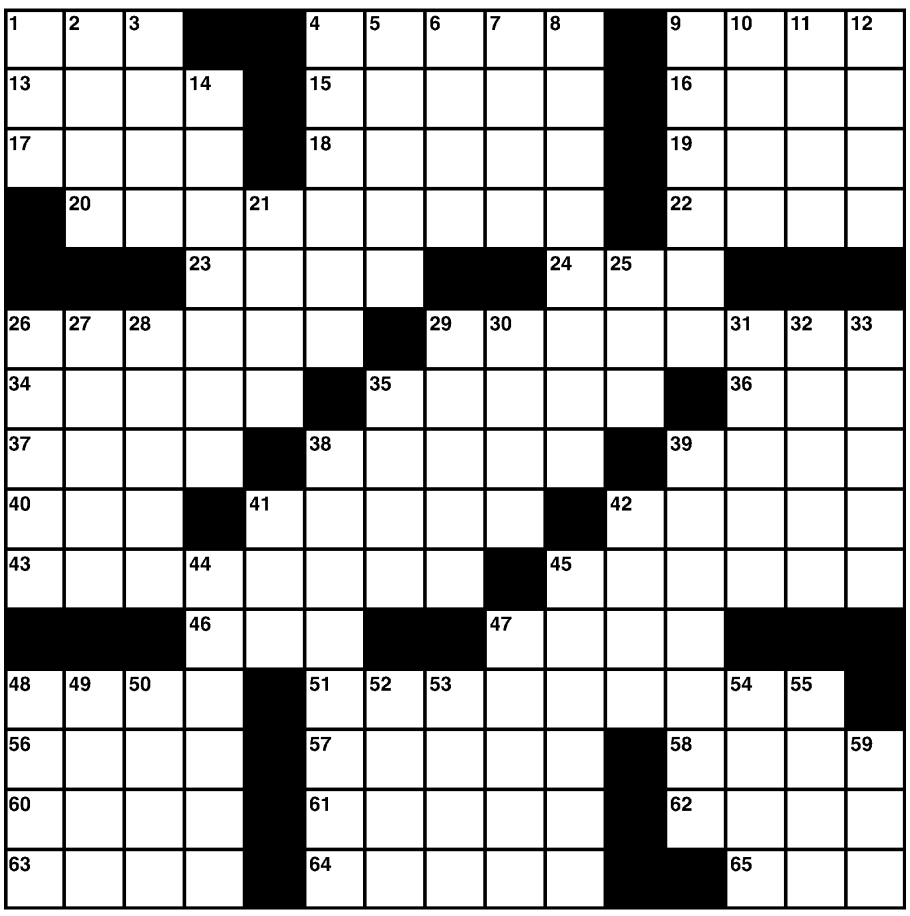
Q: Was the title "Dear Mama" an easy choice?

A: People were very reluctant. It wasn't called "Dear Mama." It was called "Outlaw" for a long time. Then I was like, "Wait a minute, duh." I had to get approval from the estate. It took a while. You know, it wasn't easy.

Q: In the docuseries, how did societal issues impact both Afeni and Tupac?

A: As he said in that 17-year-old high school interview, Tupac really moved me when he says, "We're poor because our ideals always got in the way." Principles don't pay. There's not big bucks in morals. But to see that woman so ahead of her time ... her main focus was equipping this young Black boy to protect himself here first with his mind, with the knowledge of self. When you hear in the first episode why she named him Tupac, it's because she wanted to make sure he knew Black people weren't the only people that were made to suffer like this in the world. This is global. This is a human condition. He was named after a famous South American martyr. That tells you how worldwide she was and curious. I think that's inspiring to anyone from our generation.

Crossword



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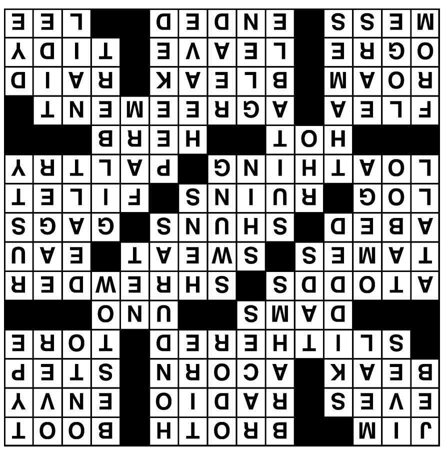
ACROSS

1 Backus or Belushi
4 Thin soup
9 Italy's shape
13 Nights before holidays
15 Standard car feature
16 Covetous feeling
17 Toucan's prominent feature
18 __ squash; winter veggie
19 Two-__; ballroom dance
20 Moved like a snake
22 Lacerated
23 Water barriers
24 Spanish one
26 Not on good terms
29 More savvy
34 Subdues
35 Perspiration
36 __ de cologne
37 Not up yet
38 Stays away from
39 Jokes
40 Cabin wall piece
41 Destroys
42 __-O-Fish; McDonald's sandwich
43 Hatred
45 Ridiculously small
46 Burning
47 Basil or oregano
48 __ market; outdoor bazaar
51 Mediator's goal
56 Wander
57 Dismal; depressing
58 Bug's nemesis
60 Brute
61 "__ It to Beaver"
62 Neat
63 Disarray
64 Finished
65 Jamie __ Curtis

DOWN

1 Florida's Bush
2 Currier's printing partner
3 Lunch or dinner
4 Lullaby composer
5 Churchill Downs events
6 Reason to bathe
7 Spare __; flab
8 Central American nation
9 Give, as a gift
10 Hold __; clutch for support
11 "__ the Rainbow"
12 Blood donor card info
14 Slipped sideways on ice
21 Little bits
25 Hair covering
26 __ costs; no matter what
27 Forbidden thing
28 Plato's last letter
29 Went for the pitch
30 Cacklers
31 Distributed a deck
32 Enthusiastic
33 Out of practice
35 __ splints; runner's woe
38 Appropriate
39 Melissa or Sara
41 Fraternity letter
42 Old MacDonald's place
44 Long UK river
45 Sneaked a quick look
47 Give the old __-ho to; fire
48 "__ Here to Eternity"; '53 film
49 Theater box
50 Mr. Potato Head pieces
52 Singer Campbell
53 Peruse
54 Metal fastener
55 Laundry soap
59 Prepare Easter eggs

Solutions



Horoscopes

Today's birthday (April 27): Follow your intention, intuition and heart this year. Steady teamwork can accomplish huge prizes. Savor springtime creative planning and productivity. Resolve partnership challenges this summer, for surging autumn energy that lifts your health, vitality and work.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Don't sweat the small stuff. Look for silver linings and hidden opportunities. Creativity is your superpower. Connect with friends and family, even from a distance.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Domestic comforts entice. Focus on immediate needs, like clean laundry. Adjust around unexpected conditions. Repair breakdowns.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Listening gets you farther than speaking. Determine what you want to say before blurting out something regretful. Creative solutions may require making a mess.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Profitable work is available. New evidence threatens complacency. Talk with a friend to shift your internal monologue into a dialogue for action.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. You're getting stronger. Ignore rumors, gossip or negativity. Set aside self-criticism. Clean and organize. Reconnect with a personal passion or interest.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 6. Stay sensitive with recent changes. Avoid travel, crowds, chaos and noise. Don't launch personal initiatives until ready. Allow yourself time to decompress and recharge.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Wait for better conditions to launch a team effort. Talk with allies and colleagues for more perspective. Diplomacy works better than force.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Strategize carefully. Professional complications require adjustment and finesse. Watch for hidden opportunities to advance projects.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Adapt investigations for the terrain. Avoid risk or unstable travel conditions. Pursue new threads without losing sight of basic elements.

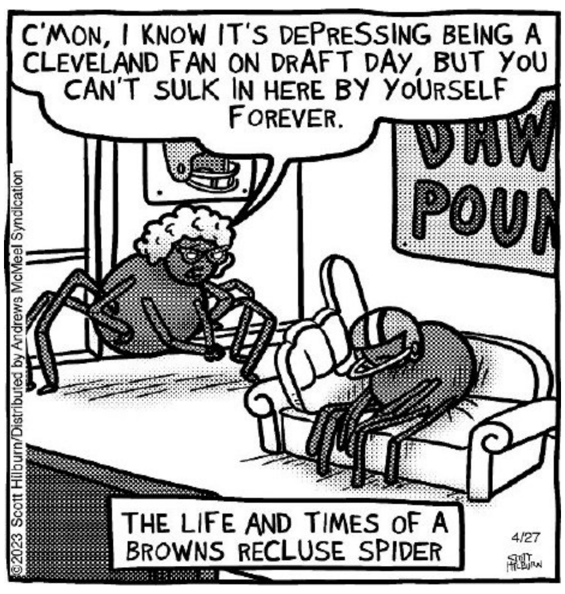
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. A financial barrier blocks the path. Strengthen foundations. Work with someone who sees your blind spot. Patience and determination can save time and money.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Share support with a heavy load. Avoid arguments or provocation. Don't go over the past. Focus on what's needed here and now.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Slow for tricky sections. Heed recommendations and warnings. Keep doing what's working. Play by the rules. Maintain momentum.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn


C'MON, I KNOW IT'S DEPRESSING BEING A CLEVELAND FAN ON DRAFT DAY, BUT YOU CAN'T SULK IN HERE BY YOURSELF FOREVER.
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THE LIFE AND TIMES OF A BROWNS RECLUSE SPIDER
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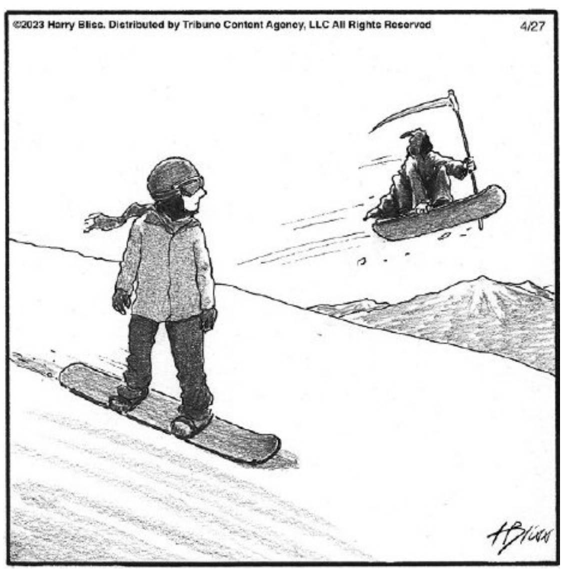
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Bridge

East-West vulnerable, South deals

North
♠ 9 2
♥ J 5
♦ J 5 3
♣ A Q 7 6 4 3

West
♠ J 10 4
♥ Q 10 9 6
♦ 10 6 2
♣ K 8 2

East
♠ 8 7 6 5
♥ A 8 7
♦ K Q 9 8
♣ 10 5

South
♠ A K Q 3
♥ K 4 3 2
♦ A 7 4
♣ J 9

South in today's deal was Paul Dalley, captain of the current Australian national team. Dalley has been building a fine reputation in recent Australian tournaments.

East won the opening heart lead and accurately switched to the king of diamonds. Had East returned a heart, Dalley would have won and led the jack of clubs, playing low from dummy whether or not West covered with the king. There were not enough heart tricks available for the defense to defeat the contract.

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	3NT	All pass

Opening lead: 10 of ♥

Dalley had to win the diamond shift or East would have reverted to hearts. There was no legitimate play for the contract as dummy's clubs could not be run without losing a trick. Dalley found the enterprising play of leading the nine of clubs and playing low from dummy. East won with the 10 but could not hurt declarer. East lead a heart and Dalley won with his king and led the jack of clubs, over-taking with dummy's queen. That worked out beautifully for Dalley, who now had plenty of tricks for his contract. Very nicely done!

West could have defeated this contract by making the unlikely play of covering the nine of clubs with his king. Dalley could not duck, as three diamond tricks would now defeat the contract. Winning the king with the ace would give Dalley no chance to come to nine tricks.

— Bob Jones
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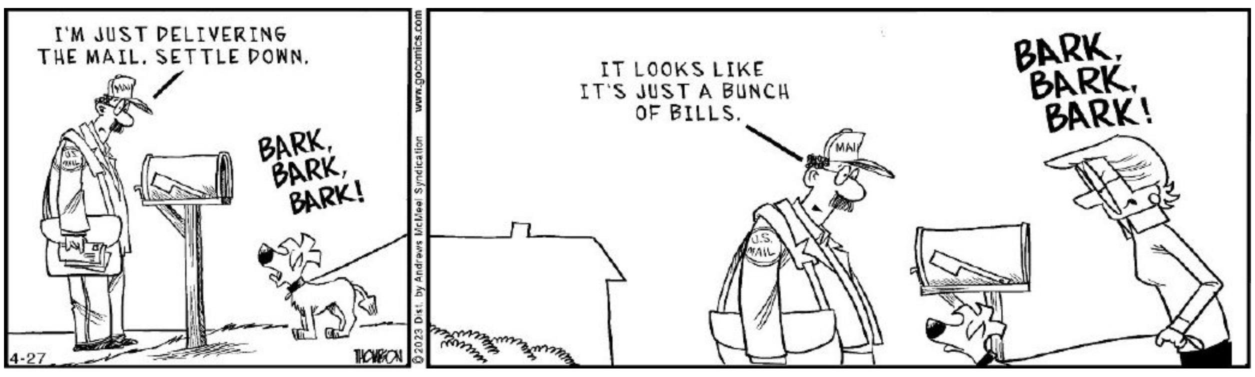
I'M JUST DELIVERING THE MAIL. SETTLE DOWN.
BARK, BARK, BARK!
IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S JUST A BUNCH OF BILLS.
BARK, BARK, BARK!
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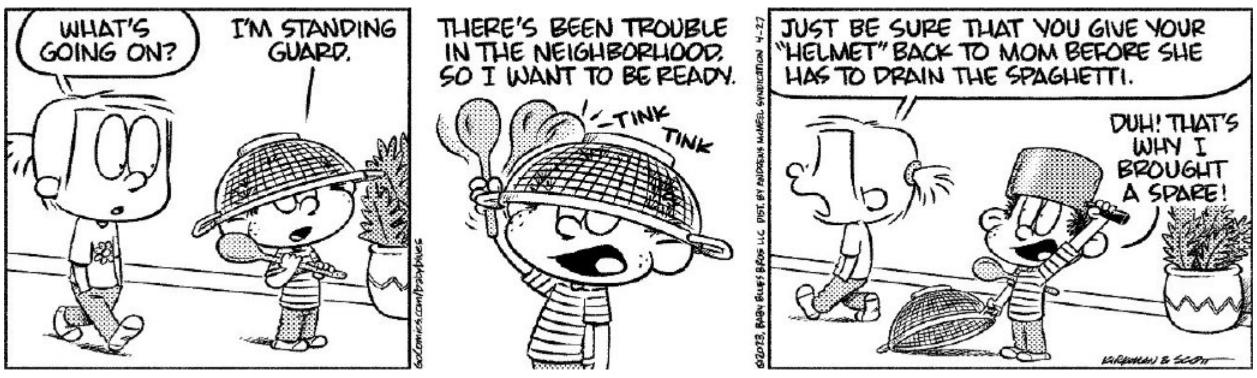
WHAT'S GOING ON?
I'M STANDING GUARD.
THERE'S BEEN TROUBLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, SO I WANT TO BE READY.
TINK
TINK
JUST BE SURE THAT YOU GIVE YOUR "HELMET" BACK TO MOM BEFORE SHE HAS TO DRAIN THE SPAGHETTI.
DUH! THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT A SPARE!
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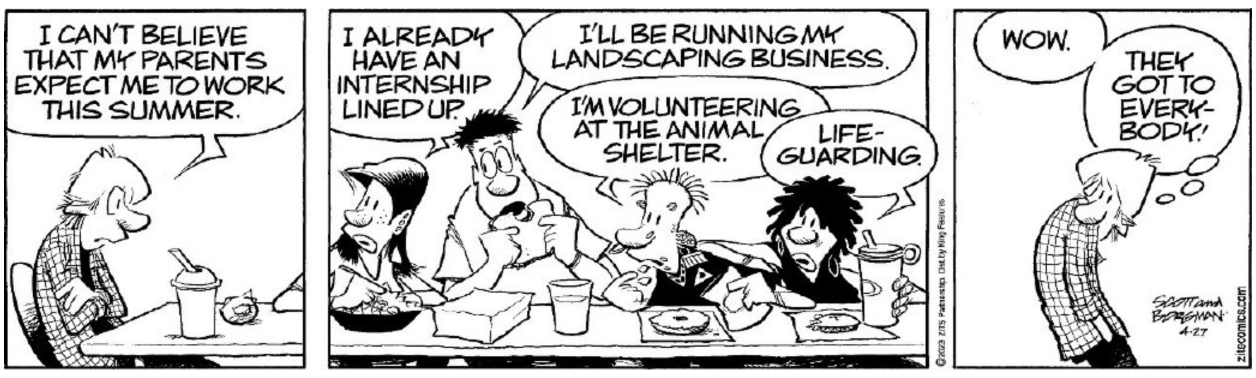
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT MY PARENTS EXPECT ME TO WORK THIS SUMMER.
I ALREADY HAVE AN INTERNSHIP LINED UP.
I'LL BE RUNNING MY LANDSCAPING BUSINESS.
I'M VOLUNTEERING AT THE ANIMAL SHELTER.
LIFE-GUARDING.
WOW.
THEY GOT TO EVERYBODY!
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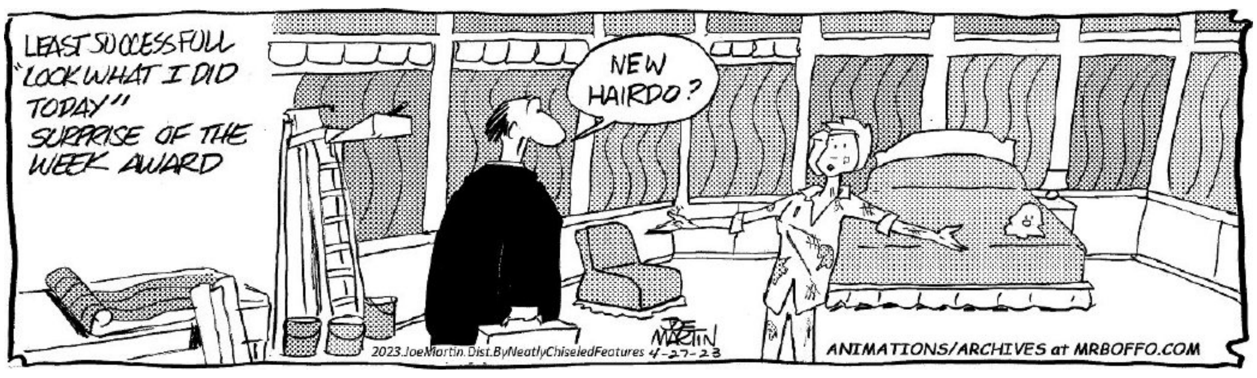
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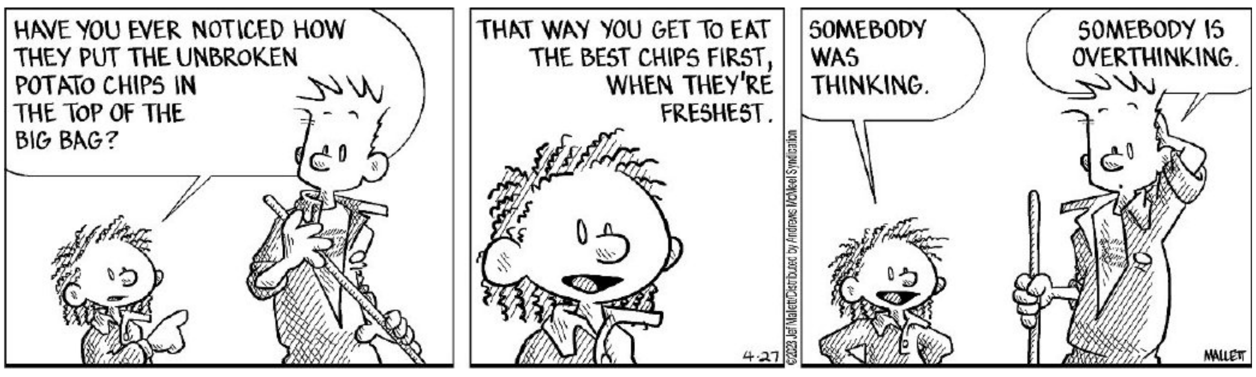
HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED HOW THEY PUT THE UNBROKEN POTATO CHIPS IN THE TOP OF THE BIG BAG?
THAT WAY YOU GET TO EAT THE BEST CHIPS FIRST, WHEN THEY'RE FRESHEST.
SOMEBODY WAS THINKING.
SOMEBODY IS OVERTHINKING.
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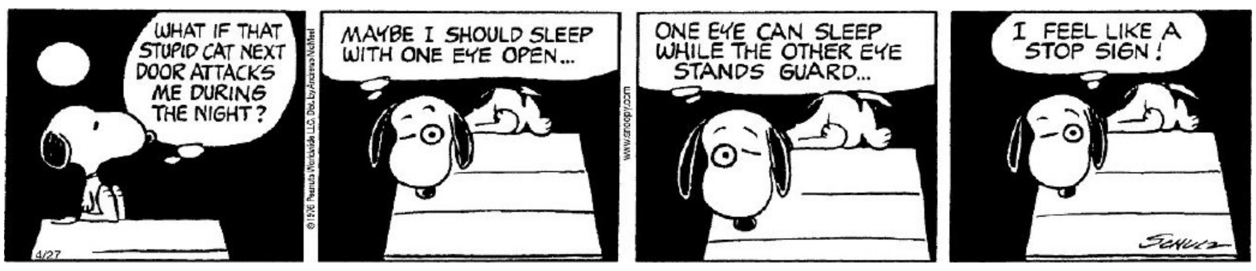
WHAT IF THAT STUPID CAT NEXT DOOR ATTACKS ME DURING THE NIGHT?
MAYBE I SHOULD SLEEP WITH ONE EYE OPEN...
ONE EYE CAN SLEEP WHILE THE OTHER EYE STANDS GUARD...
I FEEL LIKE A STOP SIGN!
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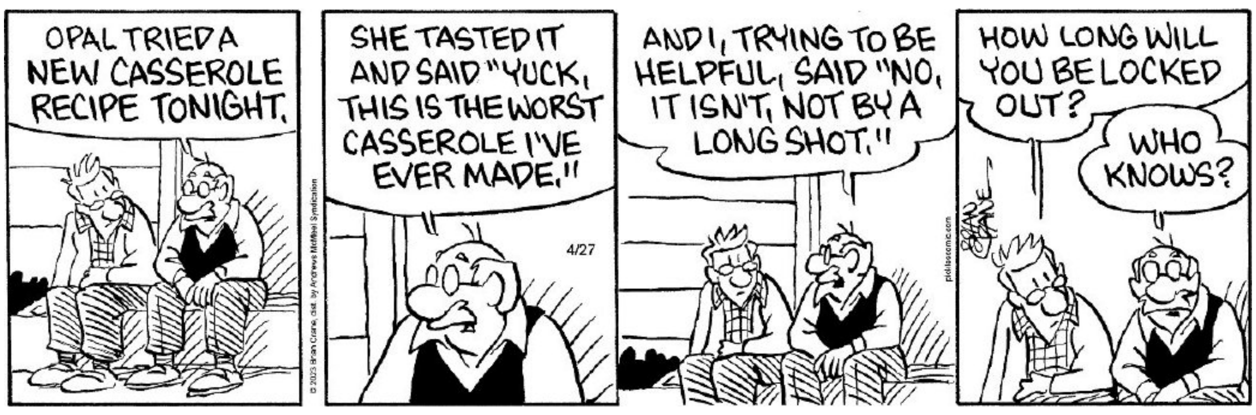
OPAL TRIED A NEW CASSEROLE RECIPE TONIGHT.
SHE TASTED IT AND SAID "YUCK, THIS IS THE WORST CASSEROLE I'VE EVER MADE."
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AND I, TRYING TO BE HELPFUL, SAID "NO, IT ISN'T, NOT BY A LONG SHOT."
HOW LONG WILL YOU BE LOCKED OUT?
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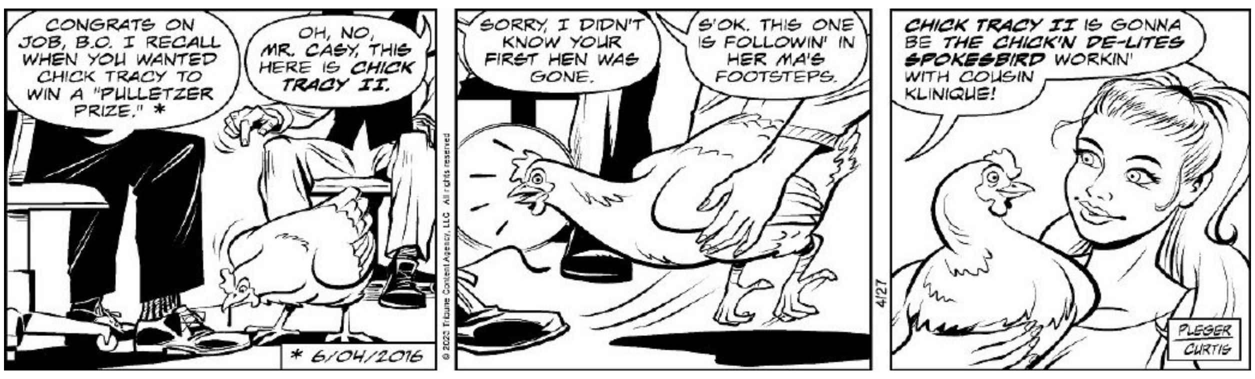
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OH, NO, MR. CASY, THIS HERE IS CHICK TRACY II.
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SORRY, I DIDN'T KNOW YOUR FIRST HEN WAS GONE.
S'OK. THIS ONE IS FOLLOWIN' IN HER MA'S FOOTSTEPS.
CHICK TRACY II IS GONNA BE THE CHICK'N DE-LITES SPOKESBIRD WORKIN' WITH COUSIN KLINIQUE!
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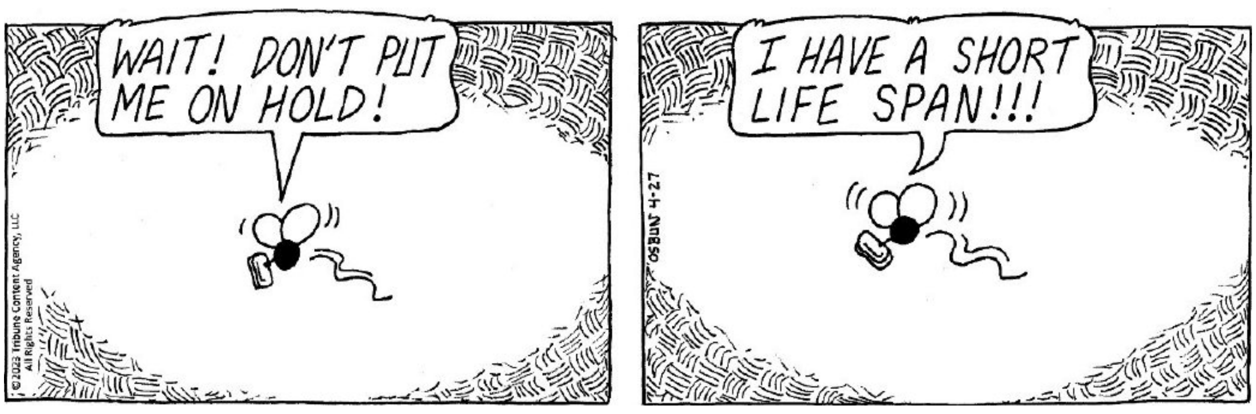
Animal Crackers By Mike Osbun


WAIT! DON'T PUT ME ON HOLD!
I HAVE A SHORT LIFE SPAN!!!
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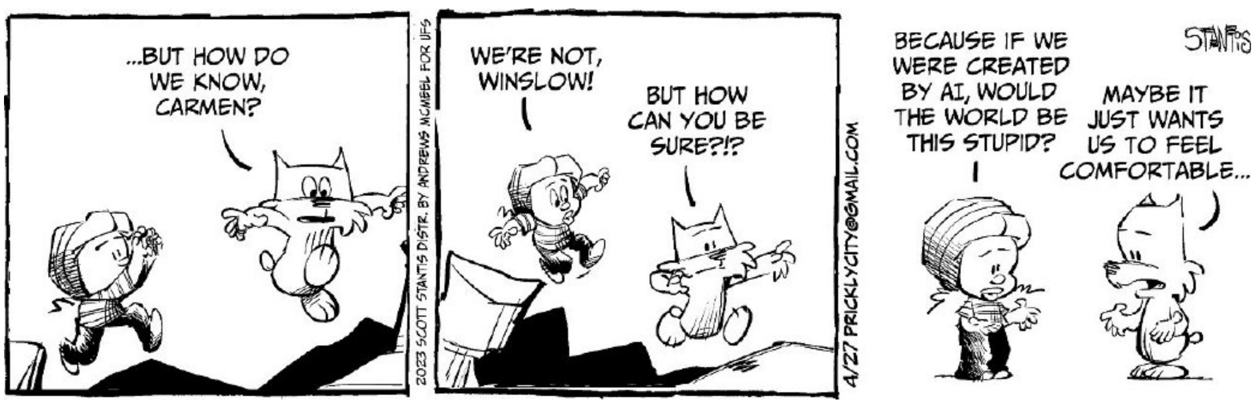
Prickly City By Scott Stantis


...BUT HOW DO WE KNOW, CARMEN?
WE'RE NOT, WINSLOW!
BUT HOW CAN YOU BE SURE?!?
BECAUSE IF WE WERE CREATED BY AI, WOULD THE WORLD BE THIS STUPID?
MAYBE IT JUST WANTS US TO FEEL COMFORTABLE...
STANTIS
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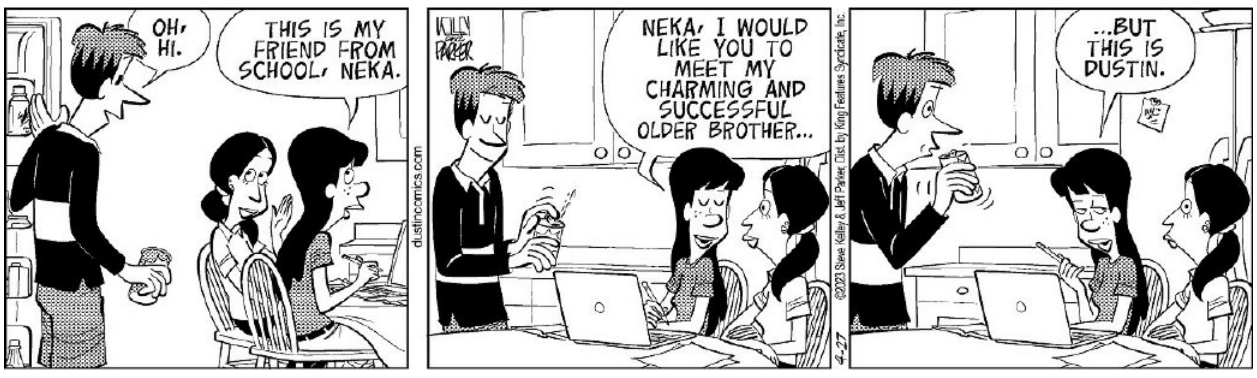
Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker


OH, HI.
THIS IS MY FRIEND FROM SCHOOL, NEKA.
dustincomics.com
KELLY PARKER
NEKA, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO MEET MY CHARMING AND SUCCESSFUL OLDER BROTHER...
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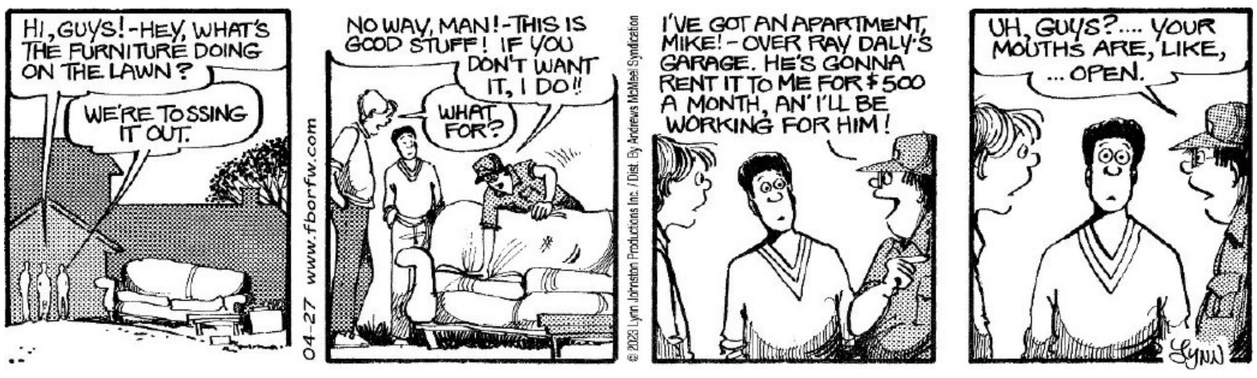
...BUT THIS IS DUSTIN.

For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston


HI, GUYS! -HEY, WHAT'S THE FURNITURE DOING ON THE LAWN?
WE'RE TOSSING IT OUT.
04-27 www.fborfw.com
NO WAY, MAN! -THIS IS GOOD STUFF! IF YOU DON'T WANT IT, I DO!!
WHAT FOR?
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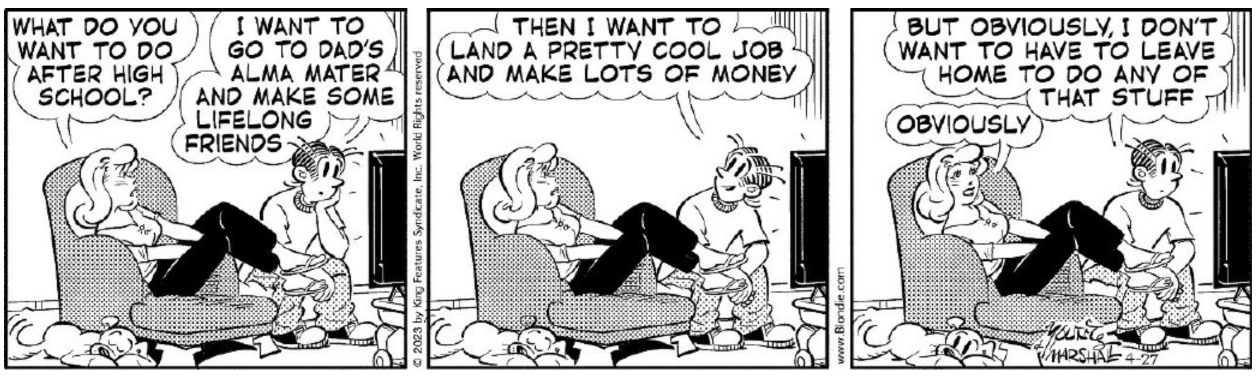
I'VE GOT AN APARTMENT, MIKE! - OVER RAY DALY'S GARAGE. HE'S GONNA RENT IT TO ME FOR $500 A MONTH, AN' I'LL BE WORKING FOR HIM!
UH, GUYS?.... YOUR MOUTHS ARE, LIKE, ... OPEN.
LYNN

Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall


WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?
I WANT TO GO TO DAD'S ALMA MATER AND MAKE SOME LIFELONG FRIENDS
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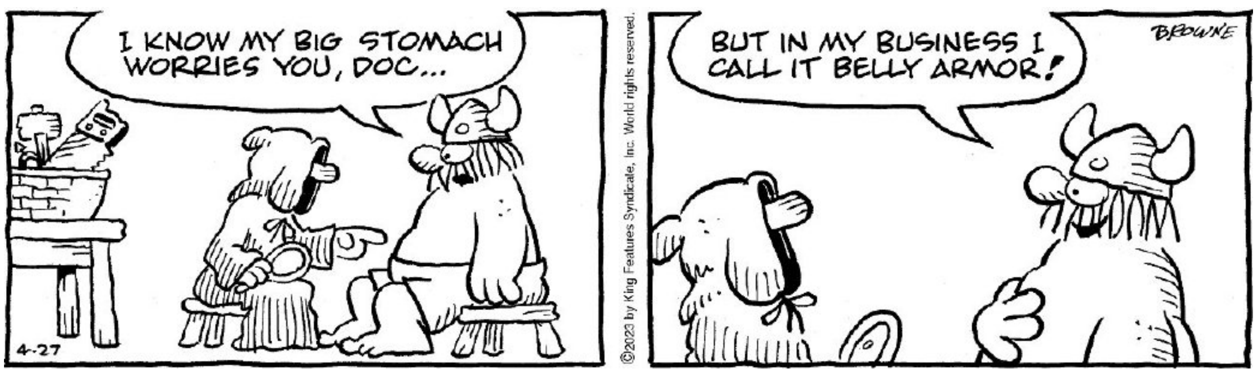
THEN I WANT TO LAND A PRETTY COOL JOB AND MAKE LOTS OF MONEY
www.Blondie.com
BUT OBVIOUSLY, I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO LEAVE HOME TO DO ANY OF THAT STUFF
OBVIOUSLY
YOUNG MARSHALL 4-27

Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne


I KNOW MY BIG STOMACH WORRIES YOU, DOC...
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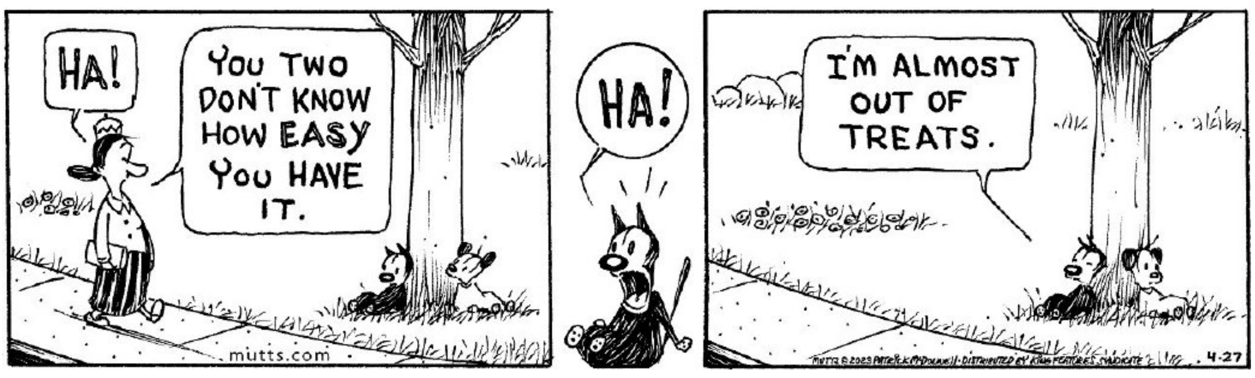
BUT IN MY BUSINESS I CALL IT BELLY ARMOR!
BROWNE

Mutts By Patrick McDonnell


HA!
YOU TWO DON'T KNOW HOW EASY YOU HAVE IT.
mutts.com
HA!
I'M ALMOST OUT OF TREATS.
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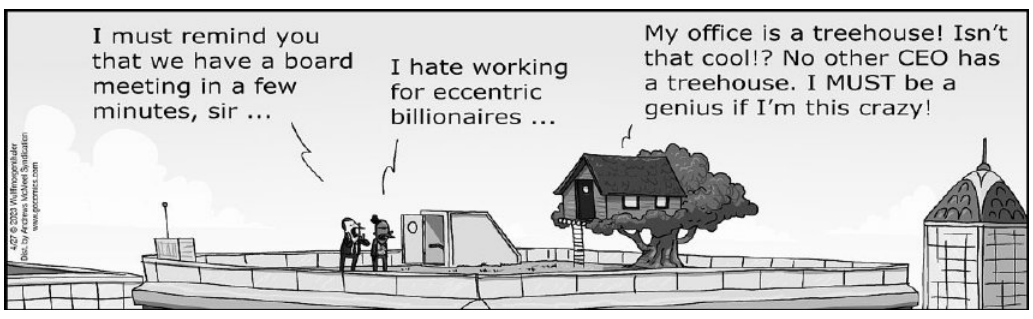
WuMo By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler


I must remind you that we have a board meeting in a few minutes, sir ...
I hate working for eccentric billionaires ...
My office is a treehouse! Isn't that cool!? No other CEO has a treehouse. I MUST be a genius if I'm this crazy!
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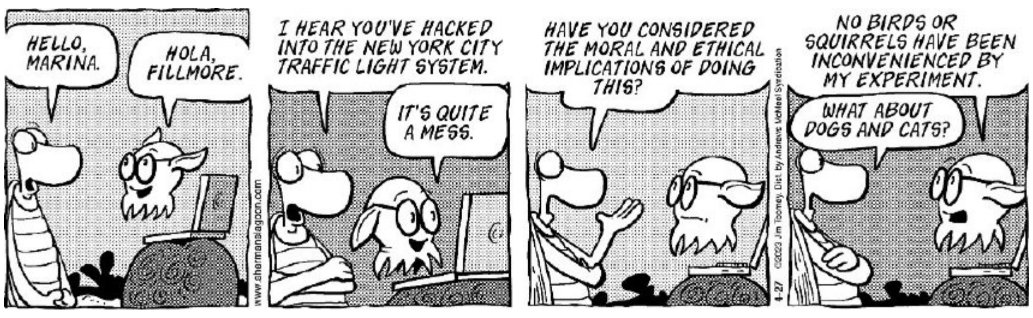
Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey


HELLO, MARINA.
HOLA, FILLMORE.
www.shermanslagoon.com
I HEAR YOU'VE HACKED INTO THE NEW YORK CITY TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM.
IT'S QUITE A MESS.
HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THE MORAL AND ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS OF DOING THIS?
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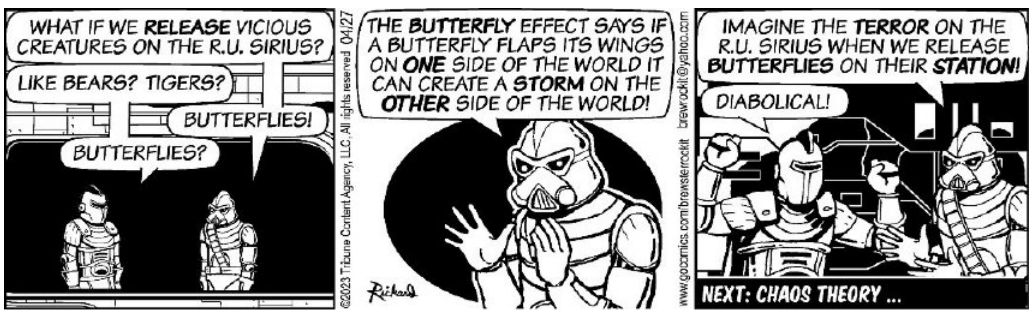
NO BIRDS OR SQUIRRELS HAVE BEEN INCONVENIENCED BY MY EXPERIMENT.
WHAT ABOUT DOGS AND CATS?

Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard


WHAT IF WE RELEASE VICIOUS CREATURES ON THE R.U. SIRIUS?
LIKE BEARS? TIGERS?
BUTTERFLIES!
BUTTERFLIES?
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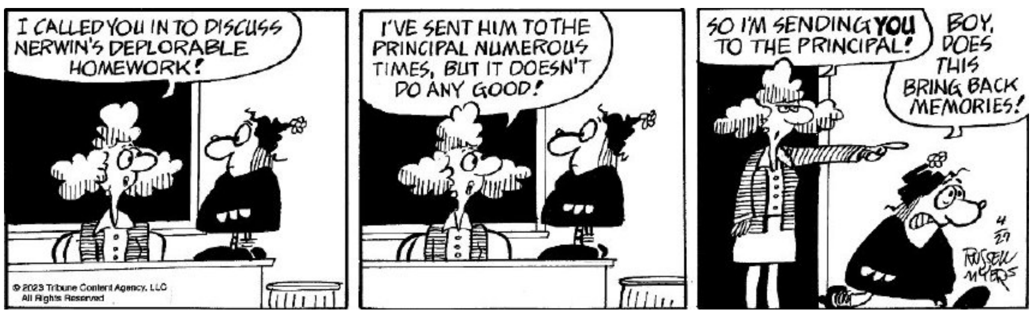
THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT SAYS IF A BUTTERFLY FLAPS ITS WINGS ON ONE SIDE OF THE WORLD IT CAN CREATE A STORM ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD!
Rickard
www.gocomics.com/brewsterrockit brewrockit@yahoo.com
IMAGINE THE TERROR ON THE R.U. SIRIUS WHEN WE RELEASE BUTTERFLIES ON THEIR STATION!
DIABOLICAL!
NEXT: CHAOS THEORY ...

Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers


I CALLED YOU IN TO DISCUSS NERWIN'S DEPLORABLE HOMEWORK!
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I'VE SENT HIM TO THE PRINCIPAL NUMEROUS TIMES, BUT IT DOESN'T DO ANY GOOD!
SO I'M SENDING YOU TO THE PRINCIPAL!
BOY, DOES THIS BRING BACK MEMORIES!
4 27 RUSSELL MYERS

Trivia Bits

Where in your body would you find the almond-shaped amygdala?

A) Brain
B) Eye
C) Pancreas
D) Small Intestine

Wednesday's answer: Michael Caine played the title character in the 1966 film "Alfie."

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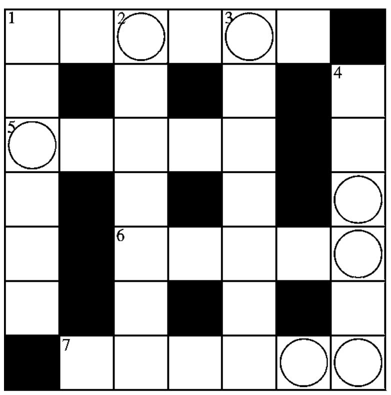
Jumble Crossword



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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Present, offer	STIUMB
5. Saliva	ROLOD
6. Subject matter	EMHET
7. ____ sentence	NISPOR

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Abrupt	NDSDUE
2. ____ seat	BOSORET
3. Ailment	LISLNSE
4. Sacred, thoughtful	NOELMS

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

CLUE: ____ was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2006.

BONUS ○○○○○○○

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ANSWERS: 1A-Submit 5A-Drool 6A-Theme 7A-Prison 1D-Sudden 2D-Booster 3D-Illness 4D-Solemn B-Blondie

By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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	1			3			2	
		5		8	6	3		
6		3		2		4		
			1				7	
	5						9	
	8				3			
		8		1				4
		9	8	5		1		
	2			9			5	

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

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4	7	9	2	6	5	3	1	8
2	1	5	7	8	3	4	9	6
7	2	6	9	3	8	1	5	4
1	8	4	5	7	6	9	3	2
9	5	3	4	1	2	6	8	7

◀ **Wednesday's solutions**

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

MRFEA

CEUNO

EWYTAS

DALIRA

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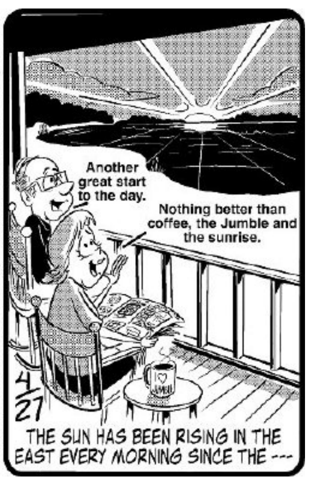
Another great start to the day.
Nothing better than coffee, the Jumble and the sunrise.
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THE SUN HAS BEEN RISING IN THE EAST EVERY MORNING SINCE THE ---

Answer here

Wednesday's answers

Jumbles: GECKO CANAL STRAND EXHALE
Answer: The Roosevelt dime replaced the Mercury dime after the Mint approved the — EXACT CHANGE

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Crossword

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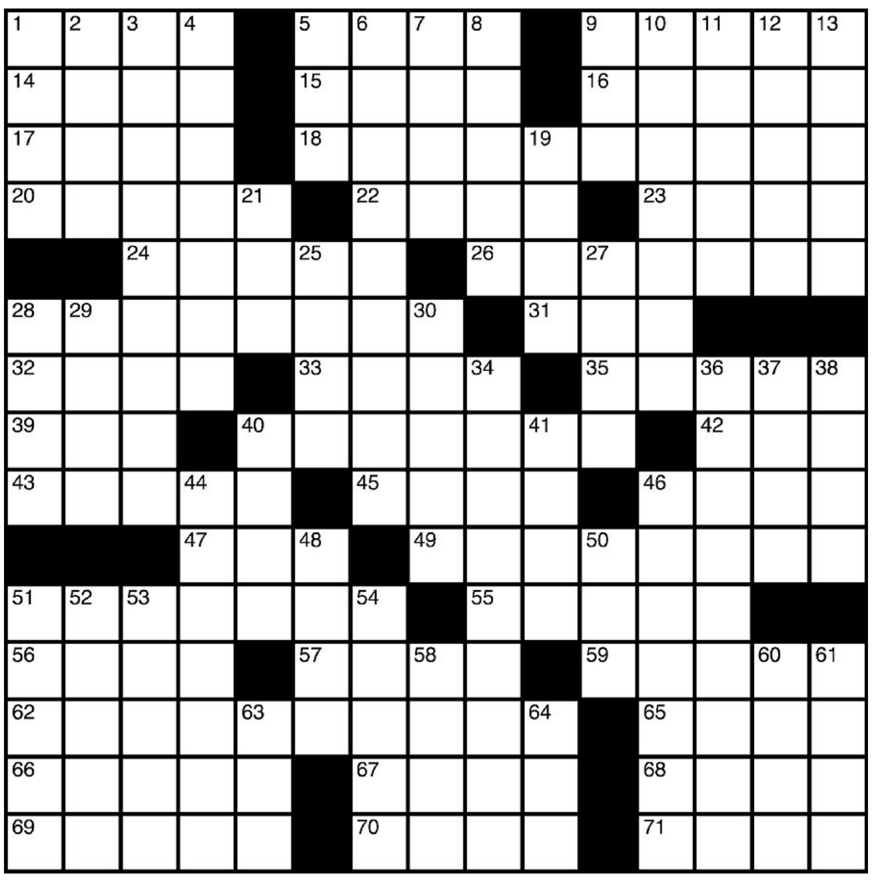
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47 48 49 50
51 52 53 54 55
56 57 58 59 60 61
62 63 64 65
66 67 68
69 70 71

Across

1 Cracked
5 Actor Omar
9 Dull sound
14 Easy going?
15 Pharmacist's container
16 Ancient region of modern Turkey
17 Range for Zermatt and the Matter Valley
18 Honors course for an aspiring aircraft marshaller?
20 Get down to basics
22 Consumes
23 Red carpet stance
24 Irish actor Chris of TV's "Get Shorty"
26 Shenanigans
28 Dust jacket design
31 Bowling pin count
32 Bird mascot for the Miami Hurricanes
33 New Zealand parrots
35 Ray's relative
39 Tanqueray liquor
40 Georgia fruit
42 Hoppin' John morsel
43 George of "The Goldbergs"
45 Word with ring or music
46 Relaxation stations
47 Claire of "The Crown"
49 Fleetest of foot
51 Brandy glass
55 Penta- minus one
56 Goddess who is the mother of Apollo and Artemis
57 Protein option for pho
59 Olympic volleyball great Kerri __ Jennings
62 Honors course for an aspiring pastor?
65 Totenberg of NPR
66 Barbecue sites
67 Creative flash
68 Tiny annoyance
69 Splash through puddles
70 Prying
71 Meringue need

Wednesday's solution

M	A	H	A	L		E	N	D	O	W		S	I	P
A	G	A	V	E		X	E	N	I	A		E	G	O
J	A	N	E	G	O	O	D	A	L	L		R	U	N
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R	A	W		P	A	U	L	C	E	Z	A	N	N	E
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I	R	A	T	E				S	A	B	A	N		
P	E	R		G	A	M	E	C	H	A	N	G	E	R
T	A	D		A	D	I	E	U		E	N	E	R	O
O	N	S		L	O	D	G	E		R	E	S	E	T

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Down

1 Quaint plaint
2 Shock
3 Honors course for an aspiring lawyer?
4 Lives
5 Perón of Argentina
6 Out-of-reach goal
7 __ Smurf
8 Arboreal slowpoke
9 Metal in pewter
10 Bright lipstick shade
11 Gabrielle of "L.A.'s Finest"
12 Capital of Belarus
13 Audiobook's lack
19 "You think so?"
21 __ ejemplo
25 Waves from a boat
27 Milo's "Gilmore Girls" role
28 Slangy smokes
29 Big Apple stage award
30 Tuesday fare
34 Many entries in the Great American Songbook
36 Honors course for an aspiring bell ringer?
37 Dim sum brews
38 All-Star side
40 Storyline
41 Falco of "Nurse Jackie"
44 Provides, as an opportunity
46 Idiosyncratic
48 Creature in Tibetan myth
50 "Woo-hoo!," in textspeak
51 Leaves rolling in the aisles
52 Place to spot a 48-Down, maybe
53 Staffer who's good at networking, for short
54 Pitcher's gripping aid
58 Everymutt
60 Obstacle
61 Bowlers, e.g.
63 Fire pit residue
64 Carefree

BONUS PUZZLE PAGE

An extra array of word games, search and Jumble. Want more? Play online at ***PlayJumble.com***

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SUDOKU

		9		3		8	5	
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Level: 1 2 **3** 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit *www.sudoku.org.uk.*

7	2	9	6	3	4	8	5	1
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6	7	4	2	8	1	9	3	5
2	9	3	7	5	6	1	4	8
5	8	1	9	4	3	6	7	2
8	1	5	3	7	9	2	6	4
3	4	2	1	6	5	7	8	9
9	6	7	4	2	8	5	1	3

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BOGGLE

Boggle® BrainBusters!

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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8 letters = 10 points	11 - 21 = Amateur
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P	A	L	C
A	T	E	A
R	M	S	N
H	O	U	T

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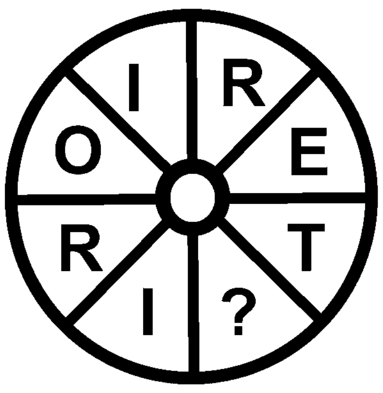
WordWheel



Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: Words beginning and ending with M

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

O	N	G	X	D	A	M	Y	S	T	I	C	I	S	M	I	M	M
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- MACADAM
- MADAM
- MAELSTROM
- MAGNUM
- MAIM
- MALAPROPISM
- MARJORAM
- MARTYRDOM
- MAUSOLEUM
- MAXIM
- MAYHEM
- MEALWORM
- MECHANISM
- MEDIUM
- MEMORANDUM
- MICROGRAM
- MINIMUM
- MISAIM
- MISCLAIM
- MISDEEM
- MISFORM
- MISINFORM
- MODEM
- MODERNISM
- MODICUM
- MOMENTUM
- MONARCHISM
- MONOGRAM
- MONOMORPHISM
- MOONBEAM
- MUSEUM
- MUSHROOM
- MYSTICISM

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TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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44					■	■	45					■
46			■	■	■	■	47					■

Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews 11/16/14

ACROSS

1 Actor __ Van Peebles
6 "__ Life to Live"
9 "The __ and the Ecstasy"
10 Lesley of "60 Minutes"
12 "__ Without a Cause"; James Dean movie
13 Singer Bailey's namesakes
14 Crime drama series
15 Actor Matthew __ Gubler
16 Mr. Spock's original portrayer
19 Cheryl or Diane
23 Sudden attack
24 "The __"; Gregory Peck horror movie
25 Actress Ryder
28 "Out of __"; Meryl Streep film
30 Grouchy person
31 "Star __: Voyager"
32 Destiny
33 Disney classic about a fawn
34 Tatum O'Neal's dad
36 Org. for Lakers and Celtics
39 "Welcome Back, __"
42 Pick-me-up
44 Minimum
45 Actress __ Dunne
46 Actor on "The A-Team"
47 Deep pit

DOWN

1 Artist Chagall
2 Grows older
3 "Good Morning America" anchor
4 Ending for Paul or Max
5 Popeye's Olive
6 Crew member's need
7 Org. for Blackhawks and Canadiens
8 Golfer Ernie __
10 "Voyage to the Bottom of the __"
11 Actor on "Chicago Fire"
13 Use a crowbar
15 "Children of a Lesser __"; Marlee Matlin movie
17 Actor McKellen
18 Farrow or Kirshner
20 "What Kind of Fool __?"
21 Last calendar page: abbr.
22 FBI crime lab evidence
25 Monogram for comedian/actor/juggler Fields
26 Paul's cousin on "Mad About You"
27 Natalie Cole's dad
28 "The Man with the Golden __"; Frank Sinatra movie
29 Shortest month: abbr.
31 Sunbather's reward
33 Cheers, for one
35 "Are We There __?"; Nia Long film
37 Canisters
38 Highest cards
39 NOP forerunners
40 "...__ the ramparts we watched..."
41 Tit for __
42 Tamera Mowry's twin
43 Sphere; globe

■	M	A	R	I	O	■	■	■	■	O	N	E
■	A	G	O	N	Y	■	■	S	T	A	H	L
■	R	E	B	E	L	■	P	E	A	R	L	S
■	C	S	I	■	■	G	R	A	Y	■	■	■
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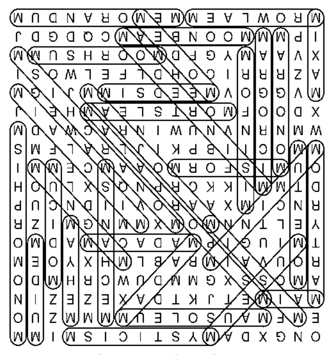

Words beginning and ending with M

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by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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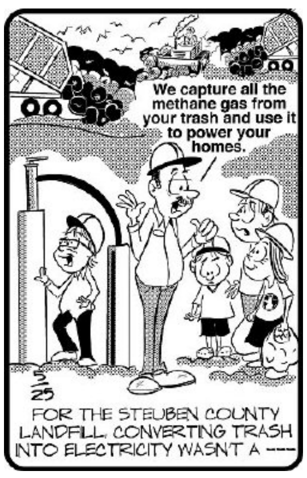
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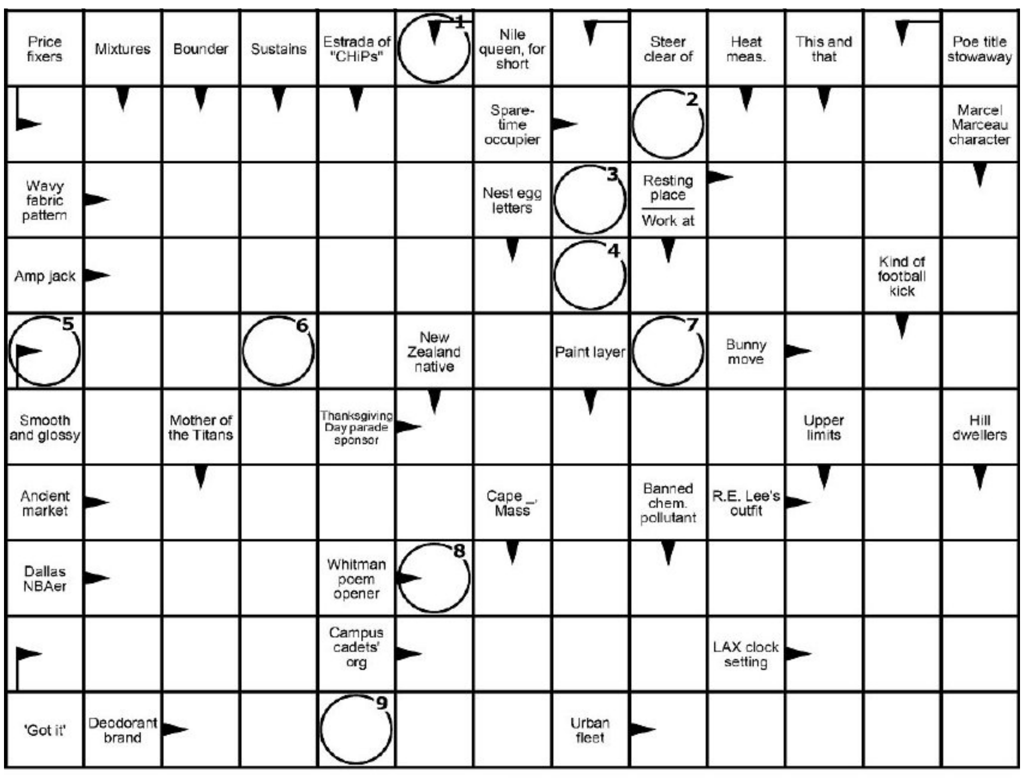
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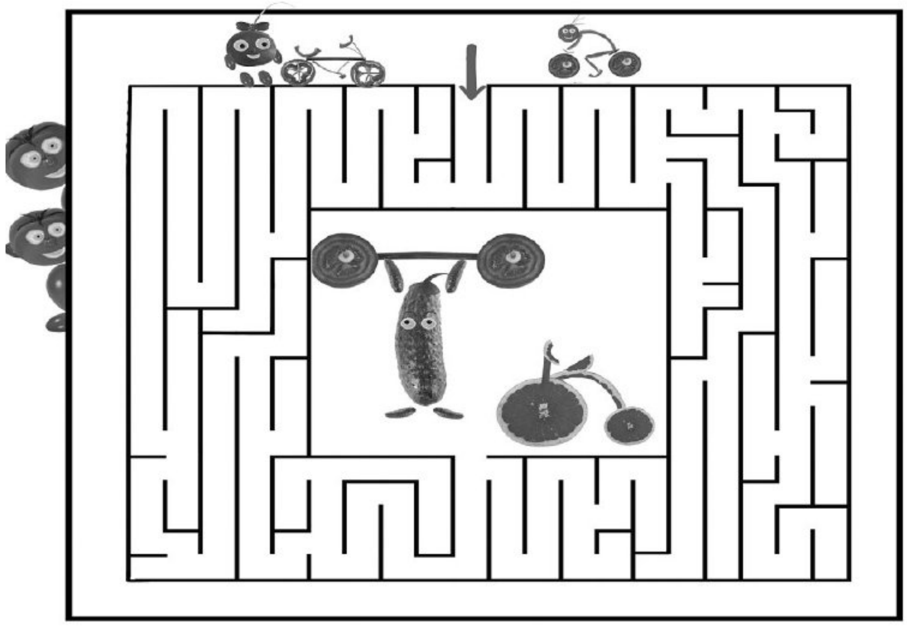

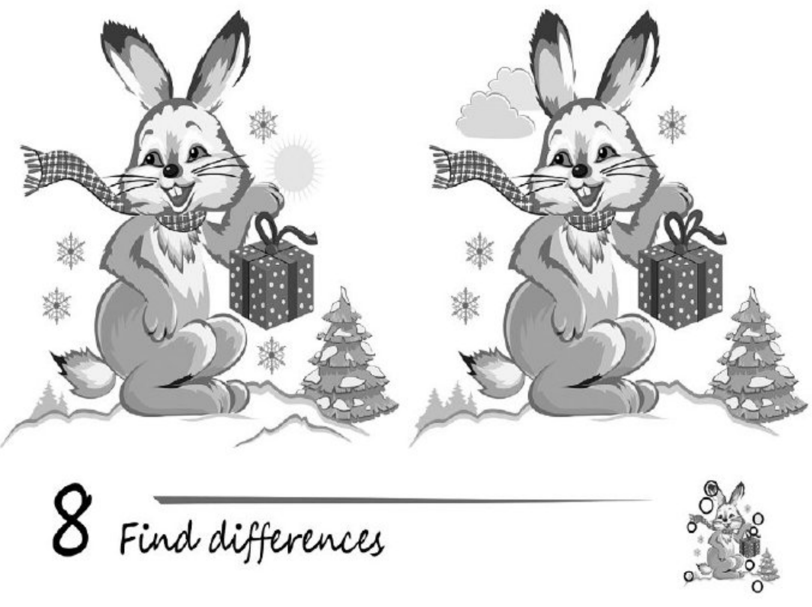
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NFL DRAFT

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MOCK DRAFT 3.0

Who will the Bears select with pick No. 9?

Brad Biggs
On the Bears

Matching elite NFL prospects with team needs and putting together a mock draft is an exercise that can look like a mess after a few picks.

The normally heightened level of guesswork is even greater this year, when it seems like Bryce Young will be the top pick by the Carolina Panthers but at least some doubt remains.

Few positions outside of running back (Texas' Bijan Robinson) have a consensus best player, adding to the questions. One team's top offensive lineman might be fourth on another team's board and vice versa. There isn't a dominant wide receiver in this class, and it's possible — maybe even likely — one isn't selected in the top 10.

Speculation is the Houston Texans won't select a quarterback at No. 2. If true, that makes selling the pick more difficult and it's fair to assume the Texans would want a big package to trade down. If the Texans struggle to trade out of No. 2, the Arizona Cardinals might have similar issues at No. 3.

Or there could be a quick run on quarterbacks, with some teams — such as the Indianapolis Colts at No. 4 — clearly in need. Here's some infotainment in the form of mock draft 3.0 with the real thing only a day away.

1. Carolina Panthers (from Chicago Bears): Bryce Young, QB, Alabama

If GM Scott Fitterer and coach Frank Reich are putting the greatest weight on game tape, Young has to be the selection with the pick acquired from the Bears.

2. Houston Texans: Tyree Wilson, Edge, Texas Tech

At 6-foot-6, 271 pounds, Wilson is a powerful man with great explosive traits and the ability to play a variety of roles on the defensive line.

3. Arizona Cardinals: Will Anderson Jr., Edge, Alabama

The Cardinals have a host of holes on a roster that needs serious work to compete in the NFC West. Getting a premier edge rusher is a good start for the new power structure in Arizona.

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NFL DRAFT
Thursday-Saturday in Kansas City, Mo.
- **Round 1:** 7 p.m. Thursday
- **Rounds 2-3:** 6 p.m. Friday
- **Rounds 4-7:** 11 a.m. Saturday

TV: ABC-7, ESPN, NFL Network

BEARS DRAFT PICKS
- **Round 1:** No. 9
- **Round 2:** Nos. 53 and 61
- **Round 3:** No. 64
- **Round 4:** Nos. 103 and 133
- **Round 5:** Nos. 136 and 148
- **Round 7:** Nos. 218 and 258

BEARS BIG BOARD
Colleen Kane and Dan Wiederer look at 13 possibilities for the Bears at No. 9, breaking down the reasons for picking each one — and why they wouldn't.
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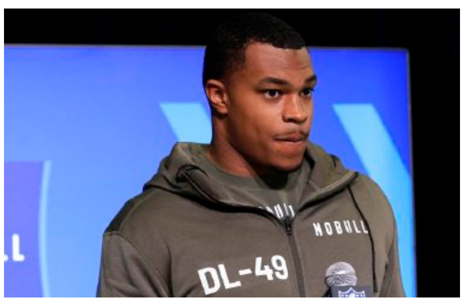
Georgia defensive tackle Jalen Carter points to the crowd before the College Football Playoff championship game on Jan. 9. **AP PHOTOS**

Alabama quarterback Bryce Young



Texas Tech edge rusher Tyree Wilson

Alabama linebacker Will Anderson Jr.

Kentucky quarterback Will Levis

Ohio State quarterback C.J. Stroud

Illinois cornerback Devon Witherspoon

Oregon cornerback Christian Gonzalez

Texas running back Bijan Robinson

Georgia edger rusher Nolan Smith

Bears will need to 'find calmness through the chaos'

Dan Wiederer

The emotions are already peaking. In buildings across the NFL, the anxiety and anticipation are partying together like college kids on the night final exams wrap up. That much enthusiasm is swirling, that much adrenaline pulsing.

Draft weekend has finally arrived.

And soon it will be over. In a blink.

What happens during a frenzied 47-hour stretch of picking and trading, strategizing and recalculating gives personnel folks across the league that surge of energy.

Imagine the eagerness percolating through the second floor of Halas Hall and flooding toward the Chicago Bears' state-of-the-art draft room, where the proceedings will be monitored this weekend.

This is it. Finally. The chance, with a top-10 pick, to take a huge swing at landing a star for the show before moving into Friday and Saturday with a calculated vision of how to fortify the depth chart on both sides of the ball.

Bears assistant general manager Ian Cunningham was asked this week to describe the excitement that comes with the draft, which follows months of

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WHITE SOX

Sox doomed to repeat history with horrific 7-18 start to '23

Paul Sullivan
In the Wake of the News

The Chicago White Sox were off to a pathetic start, so bad the general manager began searching for a new manager as the current one squirmed in the dugout.

"We're 7-17, I can't worry about feelings," the general manager said, adding that if the manager got fired "the players will fire him."

"They have not responded to him," he said. "It's the same old story. It's not always the manager's fault. But I don't know of any other way to go. You don't get rid of the players. The club is 7-17. That's the bottom line."

The general manager was Ken "Hawk" Harrelson, who had played pool at a suite at the Palmer House Hotel until 3 a.m. the previous morning. His pool partner was New York Yankees broadcaster Billy Martin, whom Harrelson wanted to hire to replace manager Tony La Russa.

It was as unseemly as it sounds. Even La Russa detractors couldn't believe White Sox Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf would let his GM publicly humiliate his manager. Some Sox players wore T-shirts reading "Save Our Skipper." The circus atmosphere was ridiculous, even by Sox standards.

The White Sox's Luis Robert Jr. is tagged out by Blue Jays shortstop Bo Bichette after trying to stretch a single into a double during the first inning Wednesday in Toronto. The Sox lost 8-0. **ANDREW LAHODYNSKYJ/AP**

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CUBS

Steele's torrid start galvanizes club in tough opening stretch

By Meghan Montemurro
Chicago Tribune

Left-hander Justin Steele might be the most underrated starter in the majors.

Steele's dominant stretch has helped the Chicago Cubs get off to a strong start during a challenging early stretch. Back-to-back one-out walks in the third inning Tuesday represented the only time the San Diego Padres really tested Steele, who remained steady and in control into the sixth inning. Steele dropped his ERA to 1.19 after 5 ⅓ scoreless innings in the Cubs' 6-0 win against the Padres at Wrigley Field.

Catcher Yan Gomes had a four-hit game, including a two-run homer in the second that stood as the game's lone runs until the eighth, when he added an RBI single. Nico Hoerner's three-run triple two batters later provided the exclamation point.

The fifth shutout for the Cubs pitching staff tied a franchise record in the modern era for the most in the first 22 games (1902, 1907 and 1969).

"It's just a testament to what we're doing," Steele said. "I've been trying my hardest to remain consistent and giving the team a good change to win each time."

Here are three trends within Tuesday's performance that highlight why Steele has been lights out.

15 called strikes on four-seam fastball

The Padres didn't have many answers against Steele, particularly against a fastball they struggled to pick up.

Steele's fastball movement and command around the zone forced hitters to try to control the inside of the plate, and they didn't find much success. Steele's 15 called strikes with his four-seam fastball marked a single-game career high.

He previously recorded 14 called strikes with the pitch twice, both last season.

"It's just the way he throws it — a country-boy fastball," Gomes said. "It comes out different. Obviously the lefty angle is going to look a little bit different, but he has the ability of hiding it well and sometimes it looks a slider, sometimes it goes up."

Turn to Cubs, *Page 3*

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4. Indianapolis Colts: Will Levis, QB, Kentucky
Accuracy is a bit of a question mark for Levis. That was one of the knocks on Josh Allen when he was coming out of Wyoming. Imagine what Levis would look like if he had been surrounded by top-tier SEC talent.

5. Tennessee Titans* (from Seattle Seahawks via Denver Broncos): C.J. Stroud, QB, Ohio State
The Seahawks re-signed Geno Smith and could be looking to move down to acquire draft capital in the event they want to pick a quarterback a year from now. The Titans, meanwhile, have been rumored to be ready to move on from Ryan Tannehill since the end of the season.
**-projected trade*

6. Detroit Lions (from Los Angeles Rams): Devon Witherspoon, CB, Illinois
The Lions would love to add to their defensive front, but with Wilson and Anderson off the board, they can fill a need in the secondary with a physical cornerback.

7. Las Vegas Raiders: Christian Gonzalez, CB, Oregon
The Raiders could be in the quarterback market or they could choose to wait a year and work to improve the roster elsewhere. Cornerbacks are in demand in the AFC West when facing Patrick Mahomes and Justin Herbert twice a season.

8. Atlanta Falcons: Bijan Robinson, RB, Texas
The Falcons spent big in free agency on the defensive side. The best way to give young QB Desmond Ridder a chance to succeed is to have a powerful ground attack. Enter Robinson.

9. Bears (from Panthers): Jalen Carter, DT, Georgia
Some believe Carter will be in jeopardy of sliding out of the top 10 because of questions about his makeup. The Bears have a serious need on the defensive line, and the gamble could be worth it if they believe he'll come in with a chip on his shoulder.

10. Philadelphia Eagles (from New Orleans Saints): Nolan Smith, Edge, Georgia
Howie Roseman always seems to be collecting offensive and defensive linemen. Smith would give the Eagles a dynamic pass rusher along the lines of Haason Reddick, who had 16 sacks for them last season.

11. Seahawks* (from Titans): Peter Skoronski, OL, Northwestern
The Seahawks need to get better up front on both sides of the line, and Skoronski would be a foundational piece for years to come no matter where they start him.
**-projected trade*

12. Texans (from Cleveland Browns): Anthony Richardson, QB, Florida
The Texans seem unlikely to select a quarterback at No. 2, but if the uber-talented Richardson slides this far, his upside could be too much to pass up.

13. Green Bay Packers (from New York Jets): Broderick Jones, OT, Georgia
GM Brian Gutekunst needs to outfit young QB Jordan Love with pass-catching help or protection, and the Packers have a history of waiting until Day 2 to start looking for wide receivers.

14. New England Patriots: Deonte Banks, CB, Maryland
A lot of questions about how Year 3 will shake out for QB Mac Jones. There are also questions about the secondary, and Banks has been a hot name the last two months.

15. Jets (from Packers): Paris Johnson Jr., OT, Ohio State
Now that the Jets have landed Aaron Rodgers, they need to add protection for the quarterback they hope turns the club's fortunes around.

16. Washington Commanders: Joey Porter Jr., CB, Penn State
Ron Rivera needs to add front-line help to the secondary. The Commanders might like Banks here, but if he's gone, Porter offers good size and strength.

Northwestern offensive lineman Peter Skoronski warms up before a game on Oct. 22, 2022. **GAIL BURTON/AP**

Quarterback Anthony Richardson prepares for Florida's pro day workout on March 30. **JOHN RAOUX/AP**

Georgia offensive lineman Broderick Jones runs a drill at the NFL combine on March 5. **DARRON CUMMINGS/AP**

17. Pittsburgh Steelers: Lukas Van Ness, Edge, Iowa
The Steelers figure to stick on one side of the trenches, and there are rumors they would like to move up. Van Ness would help immediately.

18. Lions: Myles Murphy, Edge, Clemson
GM Brad Holmes would love one of the top defensive linemen to fall into his lap at No. 6. If that doesn't happen, he can get Murphy here and address another need on defense.

19. Tampa Bay Buccaneers: Darnell Wright, OT, Tennessee
The Bucs have needs across the board as that roster has been old for a while. The offensive line has to be rebuilt, and Wright projects as a front-line right tackle with a chance of moving to the left side.

20. Seahawks: Will McDonald IV, Edge, Iowa State
The Seahawks need some juice for the defensive front, and there aren't many prospects with greater athletic ability on the edge than McDonald.
(Miami Dolphins forfeited the 21st pick)

21. Los Angeles Chargers: Jordan Addison, WR, USC
Justin Herbert has some nice targets on the outside, but the Chargers lack speed. Addison has production to go with a 4.49 time in the 40-yard dash.

22. Baltimore Ravens: Emmanuel Forbes, CB, Mississippi State
If the Ravens believe they can get a healthy and productive season from wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr., they can turn their attention to the secondary. Forbes' ability in man coverage makes him an ideal target.

23. Minnesota Vikings: Hendon Hooker, QB, Tennessee
The Vikings need a plan to move on at some point from Kirk Cousins, who will turn 35 before the season. Hooker could continue to mend from an ACL injury and learn from the sidelines for a year or two.

24. Jacksonville Jaguars: Jaxon Smith-Njigba, WR, Ohio State
A hamstring injury that kept Smith-Njigba out for the majority of the 2022 season dings his stock a little bit. The Jaguars can pounce on him here and add to Trevor Lawrence's options.

25. New York Giants: Zay Flowers, WR, Boston College
For Daniel Jones to build off a decent 2022 season, he has to get more help on the outside. The Giants will have their pick of some solid options, and Flowers runs well.

26. Dallas Cowboys: Michael Mayer, TE, Notre Dame
Mayer has been compared to former Cowboys star Jason Witten. This is an ideal fit with Dalton Schultz having departed via free agency.

27. Buffalo Bills: Bryan Bresee, DT, Clemson
The Bills lack size and power on the interior of both lines. Bresee would help the defense immediately.

28. Cincinnati Bengals: Dalton Kincaid, TE, Utah
The Bengals could seek some interior protection for Joe Burrow or provide him with another weapon in an already robust passing game.

29. Saints (from Broncos via Dolphins and San Francisco 49ers): Calijah Kancey, DT, Pittsburgh
The Saints have needs all over the place, and they're especially deficient on the interior of the defensive line. Kancey is undersized but disruptive.

30. Eagles: Jahmyr Gibbs, RB, Alabama
The Eagles got major production from Miles Sanders last year and can replace him with a back who would be more productive between the tackles.

31. Kansas City Chiefs: Quentin Johnston, WR, TCU
The Chiefs could look for an edge rusher here to mitigate the loss of Frank Clark, or an offensive-minded team could provide Patrick Mahomes with another big weapon with playmaking ability.

Maryland cornerback Deonte Banks reacts during a game against Rutgers on Nov. 26, 2022. **NICK WASS/AP**

Offensive tackle Paris Johnson Jr. runs a drill at Ohio State's pro day on March 22. **PAUL VERNON/AP**

Cubs starting pitcher Justin Steele delivers to the Padres in the first inning of a game at Wrigley Field on Tuesday. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Cubs

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12 consecutive starts with 2 earned runs allowed or fewer

It all comes back to throwing strikes.

Steele's ability to work around the strike zone is key to setting up his stuff. Too many balls out of hand diminishes his effectiveness. He has averaged two walks per start this season, but when Steele does encounter a brief stretch in which he's battling his command, the lefty has been able to course correct without allowing much damage.

Steele's success isn't a sudden fluke — the 2014 fifth-round pick is picking up where he left off in 2022. With his 5⅓ scoreless innings Tuesday, Steele has allowed two earned runs or fewer in 12 consecutive starts, tying him with Los Angeles Angels star Shohei Ohtani for the second-longest active streak in Major League Baseball behind the Atlanta Braves' Max Fried (13).

Steele's 1.07 ERA in that span, dating to July 22, is the lowest in MLB during this run of dominance.

"We're starting to see him really maturing and growing as a pitcher," Gomes said. "When we came into the season, we were taking about some of our young guys and he's taking the next step of confidence and learning himself."

"He's starting to understand that everything plays really well and the more confidence he starts getting on every pitch, the pitches in his arsenal are going to work well."

Hitters are batting .077 off his slider

Although it appears Steele is strictly a two-pitch starter with his fastball and slider, he can manipulate his grip and arm action to create multiple movements off those pitches.

His slider has been an elite weapon since Steele debuted in 2021, and the pitch remains a conundrum for opposing all hitters. Steele has recorded 17 of his 29 strikeouts with his slider. Through five starts, batters are 3-for-39 (.077) off it.

"He's just continued to do what he does," manager David Ross said. "I think sometimes we get into a space that we have to do more or we have to develop more pitches or use different sides of the plate — what he's been doing for a long time is pitching consistently to his zones."

Cubs center fielder Nelson Velázquez beats the tag from Padres second baseman Ha-Seong Kim for a double in the third inning Wednesday at Wrigley Field. The Cubs lost 5-3 as the Padres scored two in the seventh and one in the ninth against the bullpen. Trey Mancini hit a two-run homer in the fourth for the Cubs..Go to **chicagotribune.com/sports** for complete coverage. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

BLUE JAYS 8, WHITE SOX 0

'This isn't fun': Sox strike out 17 times in 7th straight loss

By LaMond Pope
Chicago Tribune

TORONTO — Pedro Grifol said he didn't anticipate the Chicago White Sox's struggles.

"But you don't control the cards you're dealt," the first-year manager said before Wednesday's game against the Toronto Blue Jays. "You control how you respond to it. And that's the only thing we can control.

"Adversity is educational. And how you deal with adversity is also very important. We're not going to panic through this thing. I'll reflect and work and make adjustments and be hard on myself, but I'm definitely not going to panic."

Those adjustments will have to be made at home after the Sox completed a winless six-game trip with an 8-0 loss in front of 35,069 at Rogers Centre.

The trying times continued for the Sox, who suffered their seventh consecutive defeat and are 11 games under .500 at 7-18. It's their worst 25-game start since 1986, when they also began 7-18.

"We're in a funk and we have to come together as a team and figure out how to get out of it because this isn't fun," catcher Seby Zavala said.

The Sox followed three losses to the Tampa Bay Rays at Tropicana Field with three more against the Blue Jays, who did a portion of their damage Wednesday with two outs.

Sox starter Michael Kopech retired the first two batters of the third inning. Santiago Espinal singled and Kopech hit George Springer with a pitch. Bo Bichette followed with an RBI single, and Vladimir Guerrero Jr. drove in two with a double.

"(They) put together some decent ABs, hit a couple good pitches, hit a couple mistake pitches and had one big inning there that can hurt you," Kopech said. "I didn't feel like I threw the ball terrible, but the bottom line is I have to throw better."

Espinal had a two-out RBI single in the fourth to extend the Blue Jays lead to 4-0.

Kopech allowed four runs on six hits with four strikeouts and two walks in five innings.

"Right now we haven't done both (pitching and hitting) together very well," Kopech said. "Still confident things will come together. It's been a tough stretch for us and we all feel it.

"Bottom line is pitching side has to be better and as a whole we have to be better. I'll take this one by myself. I have to be more efficient. Eliminate big innings, and I didn't do that."

The Sox were outscored 20-2 in the series. Their only runs came on an Andrew Vaughn double in the third inning of Monday's 5-2 loss. They'll take a 24-inning scoreless drought into Thursday's series opener against the Rays at Guaranteed Rate Field.

The collective offensive slump continued Wednesday with 17 strikeouts. Toronto pitchers struck out 10 of the final 11 batters.

"We've got to clean it up, we've got to be tougher outs," Grifol said after the game. "I see frustration when we get behind, and we've got to clean that up. Just because we get behind in a game doesn't mean we can't win a game.

"We've come back before. We were just down 4-0 to Tampa (on Friday) and came back and took a 7-4 lead (in an eventual 8-7 loss). We've just got to clean some things up."

For the second consecutive game, the Sox were limited to four hits — all singles. They had 11 hits in the series, four by Andrew Benintendi.

"We give up big innings and it's hard for our offense," Zavala said. "It puts a lot of pressure on our offense and in turn puts pressure on our pitchers because we can't score runs or we're not scoring runs.

"If you can't score runs, you can never win a game. And that puts pressure on the pitchers. When you're putting unnecessary pressure on both sides, it's tough."

A seven-game homestand begins with a four-game series against the Rays, who have baseball's best record at 20-5.

Sullivan

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The losing pitcher that night was veteran Tom Seaver, 41 and in the final year of his career. Seaver was the symbol of the 1986 Sox, a team that looked old and tired and ready for a nap, with the exception of promising infielder Bobby Bonilla.

After Harrelson's courting of Martin — the longtime major-league manager — became the focus of the Sox's season, they lost to the Yankees the next day, falling to 7-18. The Sox went on a brief run before another long losing stretch. Harrelson fired La Russa in June and hired Jim Fregosi as his replacement. The Sox would not become competitive again until 1990, finishing last in the American League in attendance in 1989.

The Sox's 7-18 start after Wednesday's 8-0 loss to the Toronto Blue Jays is their worst since 1986 and has the same kind of "we're so toast" vibes. They struck out 17 times Wednesday and have hit .128 and scored six runs in the last five losses of their seven-game losing streak.

1986 was a memorable year for all the wrong reasons. This year could be a repeat, but only if the Sox don't act fast and start making changes. Thanks to playing in the mediocre American League Central , the 2023 season remains salvageable.

But there are no do-overs, and the Sox begin a four-game series against Tampa Bay on Thursday with the look of Dead Team Walking.

At least Pedro Grifol doesn't have to worry about suffering the same fate as La Russa 1.0.

Grifol last fall replaced La Russa 2.0, the manager who returned to the Sox in 2021 because Reinsdorf spent more than three decades regretting his decision to let Harrelson fire him in the first place.

Being a Sox fan means going through cycles of insanity and then reliving those cycles decades later with some of the same personnel. That 1986 team also featured the September call-up of rookie Ken Williams, who as executive vice president remains the symbol of Reinsdorf's undying loyalty to friends.

Williams and general manager Rick Hahn can't be blamed for La Russa 2.0, but Grifol is their guy and will be judged on whether he's able to turn this around before it's too late. If not, he's Terry Bevington 2.0.

Grifol got here while the free-fall already was underway. The lack of free-agent signings in the offseason should've been a red flag, but optimism from spring training trumped reality, and the loss of Tim Anderson to a left knee injury proved to be the one that put the team into a deep sleep.

Grifol mentioned to reporters in Toronto that "somebody showed me not too long ago that this club plays way better with (Anderson) than without him."

Sox fans have known that for quite a while. But kudos to the Sox for finally letting their manager know the truth. A good relationship thrives on not keeping secrets from each other.

Though Grifol is safe, many of the players should probably keep their bags packed, including Lance Lynn, who has begun to resemble the 1986 version of Seaver, albeit without the charm or intellect. Lynn opened up recently with podcaster and former Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski, saying: "I have been throwing the ball like (bleep), to be honest with you. … I haven't been myself so far. That's got to change too."

Lynn has lasted six innings once in five starts, looking gassed by the new pitch-clock rules. Sox analyst Steve Stone remarked Tuesday on WSCR-AM 670 that "maybe a couple salads would help" Lynn. He always succeeded before as a heavy starter, but it's crunchtime and he has to figure things out.

If the Sox are going to salvage anything from this season, players such as Lynn, Yoán Moncada, Mike Clevinger, Kendall Graveman and Lucas Giolito must step up the next three months so Hahn can at least get something in return before the trade deadline.

The lowlight of the season might have been the sight of outfielders Eloy Jiménez and Luis Robert Jr. arguing Tuesday over Robert stealing two possible Jimenez catches. Jiménez was correct in telling Robert off, but the body language was so bad you worried Jiménez would injure himself shaking his head so much.

Nothing would surprise Sox fans at this point.

The promise of 2023 has turned into a reboot of 1986, and it's an episode no one wants to watch again.

BASEBALL

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Tampa Bay	20	5	.800	—	—	7-3	L-2	14-2	6-3
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Toronto	16	9	.640	4	+2	6-4	W-4	7-2	9-7
New York	14	11	.560	6	—	5-5	W-1	9-7	5-4
Boston	13	13	.500	7½	1½	5-5	L-1	7-6	6-7

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	14	11	.560	—	—	4-6	L-1	7-5	7-6
Cleveland	12	13	.480	2	2	3-7	W-1	4-8	8-5
Detroit	9	14	.391	4	4	5-5	L-1	4-4	5-10
Chicago	7	18	.280	7	7	1-9	L-7	3-6	4-12
Kansas City	6	19	.240	8	8	2-8	L-1	1-12	5-7

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Texas	14	10	.583	—	—	6-4	L-3	8-4	6-6
Houston	14	11	.560	½	—	7-3	W-2	6-7	8-4
Los Angeles	12	12	.500	2	1½	5-5	W-1	6-5	6-7
Seattle	11	13	.458	3	2½	5-5	L-1	7-9	4-4
Oakland	5	19	.208	9	8½	2-8	L-1	2-10	3-9

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Atlanta	17	8	.680	—	—	6-4	W-3	7-6	10-2
New York	14	11	.560	3	—	5-5	L-4	4-4	10-7
Miami	12	13	.480	5	2	4-6	L-4	7-6	5-7
Philadelphia	12	13	.480	5	2	7-3	W-1	7-5	5-8
Washington	9	14	.391	7	4	5-5	W-2	2-9	7-5

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Pittsburgh	17	8	.680	—	—	8-2	W-1	8-4	9-4
Milwaukee	16	9	.640	1	+2	6-4	W-1	7-5	9-4
Chicago	13	10	.565	3	—	6-4	L-1	7-8	6-2
Cincinnati	10	15	.400	7	4	4-6	W-3	9-6	1-9
St. Louis	9	15	.375	7½	4½	3-7	L-2	5-8	4-7

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Arizona	14	12	.538	—	—	5-5	W-1	8-6	6-6
Los Angeles	13	12	.520	½	1	5-5	L-1	6-6	7-6
San Diego	13	13	.500	1	1½	5-5	W-1	5-8	8-5
San Francisco	10	13	.435	2½	3	5-5	W-4	6-6	4-7
Colorado	8	18	.308	6	6½	3-7	L-1	3-7	5-11

BOX SCORES

BALTIMORE 6, BOSTON 2

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Verdugo rf	4	1	1	0	0	.311
Devers 3b	4	0	0	0	0	.238
Turner dh	3	0	1	1	1	.274
Yoshida lf	4	1	1	1	1	.276
Hernandez ss	3	0	2	0	1	.234
Casas 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.139
Duran cf	4	0	2	0	1	.400
Valdez 2b	2	0	0	0	1	.429
b-Arroyo ph-2b	2	0	0	0	1	.190
Wong c	2	0	0	0	2	.180
c-McGuire ph-c	2	0	0	0	1	.341
TOTALS	**33**	**2**	**7**	**2**	**10**	

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Mullins cf	3	1	2	1	0	.271
Rutschman c	2	0	0	1	0	.278
Santander rf	3	0	0	2	0	.205
Mountcastle dh	4	0	1	0	0	.238
Henderson ss	3	0	0	0	2	.194
Frazier 2b	4	1	1	0	1	.208
O'Hearn 1b	4	1	1	0	1	.364
Urias 3b	4	3	4	1	0	.292
Vavra lf	1	0	0	0	0	.231
a-McKenna lf	2	0	2	1	0	.263
TOTALS	**30**	**6**	**11**	**6**	**4**	

Boston	**010 001 000**	**2 7**	**1**
Baltimore	**100 301 01x**	**611**	**0**

a-singled for Vavra in the 6th. b-struck out for Valdez in the 7th. c-lined out for Wong in the 7th. **E:** Valdez (3). **LOB:** Boston 7, Baltimore 9. **2B:** Verdugo (5), McKenna (2). **HR:** Yoshida (4), off Wells. **RBIs:** Yoshida (16), Turner (9), Santander 2(9), Urias (10), Mullins (20), Rutschman (16), McKenna (3). **SB:** Mullins (10). **SF:** Santander 2, Rutschman. **S:** Vavra, Mullins. **Runners left in scoring position:** Boston 2(McGuire 2); Baltimore 4 (Henderson, Mountcastle, Santander 2). **RISP:** Boston 1for 7; Baltimore 2 for 7. **Runners moved up:** Devers, Rutschman. **GIDP:** Valdez, Rutschman. **DP:** Boston 1(Casas, Hernandez); Baltimore 1(Henderson, O'Hearn).

BOSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Houck, L, 3-1	5	7	4	3	2	2	4.50
Bleier	1	2	1	1	1	0	6.75
Bernardino	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.00
Schreiber	1	2	1	1	1	0	3.00

BALTIMORE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wells, W, 1-1	5⅔	4	2	2	1	7	2.79
Coulombe, H, 5	⅔	2	0	0	0	0	0.93
Cano, H, 4	1⅔	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Bautista	1	1	0	0	1	2	1.54

Inherited runners-scored: Coulombe 1-0, Cano 2-0. **HBP:** Cano (Turner). **Umpires:** HP, Manny Gonzalez; 1B, Quinn Wolcott; 2B, Junior Valentine; 3B, Adrian Johnson. T: 2:37. **A:** 12,044 (45,971).

TORONTO 8, CHI. WHITE SOX 0

White Sox	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Andrus ss	4	0	0	0	2	.195
Vaughn 1b	4	0	1	0	2	.236
Robert Jr. cf	4	0	1	0	3	.218
Jimenez dh	4	0	0	0	3	.172
Benintendi lf	3	0	1	0	1	.295
Burger 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.213
Zavala c	2	0	0	0	2	.207
Sosa 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.122
Gonzalez rf	2	0	1	0	1	.129
b-Haseley ph-rf	1	0	0	0	1	.000
TOTALS	**30**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**17**	

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Springer rf	1	1	0	0	0	.216
a-Biggio ph-rf-2b	3	0	0	0	0	2 .119
Bichette ss	4	2	3	3	1	.340
Guerrero Jr. 1b	5	1	2	2	0	.333
Chapman 3b	2	1	1	0	0	.364
Lukes rf	1	0	0	0	1	.000
Varsho cf	2	1	0	0	1	.198
Kirk dh	3	0	0	0	1	.226
Merrifield lf	4	0	2	2	0	.313
Jansen c	4	0	0	0	3	.188
Espinal 2b-3b	4	2	3	1	0	.179
TOTALS	**33**	**8**	**11**	**8**	**9**	

Chi. White Sox	**000 000 000**	**0 4**	**0**
Toronto	**003 100 31x**	**811**	**0**

a-struck out for Springer in the 4th. b-struck out for Gonzalez in the 8th. **LOB:** Chicago 4, Toronto 8. **2B:** Guerrero Jr. 2(5). **HR:** Bichette (5), off Lambert. **RBIs:** Bichette 3 (15), Guerrero Jr. 2 (15), Espinal (5), Merrifield 2 (10). **SB:** Espinal (1), Merrifield (4). **Runners left in scoring position:** Chicago 2 (Gonzalez, Jimenez); Toronto 4 (Chapman, Jansen, Biggio 2). **RISP:** Chicago 0 for 4; Toronto 5 for 10. **GIDP:** Kirk, Guerrero Jr.. **DP:** Chicago 2 (Sosa, Andrus, Vaughn; Burger, Sosa, Vaughn).

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kopech, L, 0-3	5	6	4	4	2	4	7.01
Lambert	1⅔	3	3	3	2	2	4.97
Middleton	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	3.00
Santos	1	2	1	0	0	2	2.08

TORONTO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kikuchi, W, 4-0	5⅔	4	0	0	1	8	3.00
Swanson	1⅓	0	0	0	0	4	1.54
Garcia	1	0	0	0	0	2	6.55
Richards	1	0	0	0	0	3	2.89

Inherited runners-scored: Middleton 2-0, Swanson 1-0. **HBP:** Kopech 2(Springer,Chapman), Lambert (Varsho). **WP:** Kikuchi. PB: Zavala (2). **Umpires:** Home, Chris Guccione; First, Ryan Blakney; Second, David Rackley; Third, Jeremy Riggs. **Time:** 2:32. **A:** 35,069(49,282).

N.Y. YANKEES 12, MINNESOTA 6

NY Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Volpe ss	3	3	2	3	1	.228
Judge dh	4	1	3	3	1	.267
Rizzo 1b	5	1	2	2	1	.292
LeMahieu 3b	4	0	0	1	2	.280
Torres 2b	5	2	2	2	1	.266
Calhoun rf	5	1	2	1	1	.226
F.Cordero rf	0	0	0	0	0	.160
Kiner-Falefa cf	5	1	1	0	2	.179
Higashioka c	5	1	1	0	2	.171
Cabrera lf	3	2	1	0	0	.216
TOTALS	**39**	**12**	**14**	**12**	**11**	

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Kepler rf	4	0	0	1	1	.204
Correa ss	2	0	0	0	0	.200
Jeffers c	2	0	0	0	1	.294
Larnach lf	3	1	0	0	2	.235
Miranda dh	3	3	2	3	0	.240
Gallo 1b-cf	4	1	1	2	2	.262
Solano 2b	4	0	1	0	2	.286
Gordon cf-ss	4	1	1	0	0	.115
Vazquez c-1b	4	0	0	0	3	.259
Castro 3b	1	0	0	0	0	.161
TOTALS	**31**	**6**	**5**	**6**	**11**	

N.Y. Yankees	**050 600 010**	**1214**	**0**
Minnesota	**010 202 100**	**6 5**	**2**

E: Gordon (1), Maeda (1). **LOB:** New York 5, Minnesota 2. **2B:** Judge 2(5), Torres (3), Volpe (2), Rizzo (5). **3B:** Gordon (1). **HR:** Torres (3), off Headrick; Miranda 2 (2), off German; Gallo (7), off German. **RBIs:** Calhoun (2), Volpe 3(7), Judge 3 (14), Rizzo 2(13), Torres 2(9), LeMahieu (10), Miranda 3(11), Gallo 2(14), Kepler (5). CS: Judge (1). SF: LeMahieu. **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 2(Rizzo, LeMahieu); Minnesota 0. **RISP:** New York 6for 11; Minnesota 0for 2. **Runners moved up:** Rizzo. **GIDP:** Correa. **DP:** New York 1(Volpe, Torres, Rizzo).

NY YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
German, W, 2-2	6	5	6	6	2	8	5.54
Hamilton	2	0	0	0	1	2	1.84
Holmes	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.72

MINNESOTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Maeda, L, 0-4	3	11	10	10	2	2	9.00
Headrick	5	3	2	2	2	8	3.24
Pagan	1	0	0	0	0	1	7.00

Inherited runners-scored: Hamilton 1-1, Headrick 1-1. **HBP:** German (Miranda). **Umpires:** Home, Chad Whitson; First, Roberto Ortiz; Second, Rob Drake; Third, Bill Miller. **Time:** 2:27. **A:** 20,511(38,544).

HOUSTON 1, TAMPA BAY 0

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Dubon 2b	3	0	1	0	0	.330
Pena ss	4	1	2	0	0	.240
Tucker rf	3	0	1	0	0	.302
Bregman 3b	3	0	0	1	0	.229
J.Abreu 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.240
Julks lf	4	0	0	0	1	.299
Meyers cf	4	0	0	0	1	.281
Hensley dh	3	0	0	0	2	.135
Diaz c	2	0	1	0	0	.214
TOTALS	**30**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**5**	

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Diaz 1b	4	0	0	0	2	.299
Franco ss	4	0	0	0	0	.302
Arozarena lf	2	0	0	0	2	.341
B.Lowe 2b	2	0	0	0	1	.229
Ramirez dh	3	0	0	0	2	.354
Bethancourt c	3	0	0	0	1	.269
Walls 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.313
Siri cf	3	0	0	0	1	.259
Margot rf	3	0	2	0	0	.203
TOTALS	**27**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**9**	

Houston	**100 000 000**	**1 5**	**0**
Tampa Bay	**000 000 000**	**0 2**	**1**

E: Franco (2). **LOB:** Houston 6, Tampa Bay 2. **RBIs:** Bregman (12). CS: Margot (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Houston 2(Bregman, Tucker); Tampa Bay 0. **RISP:** Houston 0for 5; Tampa Bay 0for 0. **GIDP:** Dubon, J.Abreu, Tucker, Diaz. **DP:** Houston 1(Pena, J.Abreu); Tampa Bay 3 (Franco, B.Lowe, Diaz; Franco, B.Lowe, Diaz; B.Lowe, Franco, Diaz).

HOUSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Brown, W, 3-0	7	2	0	0	2	8	2.37
Neris, H, 1	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.38
Pressly, S, 2-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.35

TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Faucher, L, 0-1	2	1	1	1	2	1	5.68
Fleming	6	4	0	0	1	2	3.26
Burdi	1	0	0	0	1	2	0.00

Pitches-Strikes: Brown 95-62; Neris 6-6; Pressly 10-8; Faucher 43-23; Fleming 69-43; Burdi 16-10. **Ground Balls-Fly Balls:** Brown 11-1; Neris 1-0; Pressly 2-0; Faucher 5-0; Fleming 12-1; Burdi 1-0. **Batters Faced:** Brown 23; Neris 3; Pressly 3; Faucher 9; Fleming 21; Burdi 4. **Inherited runners-scored:** Fleming 1-0. **WP:** Faucher(2). **Umpires:** Home, Vic Carapazza; First, Nick Mahrley; Second, Jerry Layne; Third, Brock Ballou. **Time:** 2:07. **A:** 14,168(25,025).

ATLANTA 6, MIAMI 4

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Chisholm Jr. cf	4	1	1	1	1	.220
Cooper 1b	3	1	1	0	1	.284
Soler dh	3	0	0	0	0	.244
Arraez 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.421
Garcia lf	3	1	1	1	0	.169
Sanchez rf	4	1	1	1	2	.182
Berti 3b	3	0	1	1	2	.237
Stallings c	3	0	0	0	0	.122
a-Segura ph	1	0	0	0	0	.187
Hampson ss	4	0	0	0	1	.222
TOTALS	**32**	**4**	**5**	**4**	**7**	

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Acuna Jr. rf	3	1	1	1	0	.363
Olson 1b	5	1	1	1	3	.258
Riley 3b	4	1	1	0	1	.269
Murphy c	4	0	1	0	0	.274
1-Solak pr	0	1	0	0	0	---
Tromp c	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Rosario lf	3	1	1	1	1	.206
Albies 2b	2	1	1	0	0	.268
Grissom ss	4	0	2	2	0	.293
Ozuna dh	4	0	1	0	0	.085
Hilliard cf	4	0	0	0	3	.302
TOTALS	**33**	**6**	**9**	**5**	**8**	

Miami	**011 101 000**	**4 5**	**1**
Atlanta	**000 002 04x**	**6 9**	**0**

a-flied out for Stallings in the 9th. 1-ran for Murphy in the 8th. **E:** Floro (1). **LOB:** Miami 5, Atlanta 8. **2B:** Berti (4), Riley (4). 3B: Rosario (1). **HR:** Sanchez (1), off Elder; Chisholm Jr. (5), off Elder; Garcia (3), off Elder; Acuna Jr. (4), off Alcantara; Olson (7), off Floro. **RBIs:** Sanchez (1), Chisholm Jr. (10), Garcia (7), Berti (8), Acuna Jr. (12), Grissom 2 (6), Olson (21), Rosario (5). **Runners left in scoring position:** Miami 3(Stallings 3); Atlanta 2(Olson 2). **RISP:** Miami 0for 4; Atlanta 2for 6. **Runners moved up:** Arraez.

MIAMI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Alcantara	5⅔	4	2	2	3	6	5.04
Brazoban, H, 3	1⅓	1	0	0	0	0	3.00
Floro, L, 1-1, BS, 0-1	⅓	4	4	3	1	0	2.53
Nardi	⅔	0	0	0	1	2	3.97

ATLANTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Elder	5⅓	5	4	4	2	3	2.17
Tonkin, W, 2-1	2⅔	0	0	0	2	2	2.51
Minter, S, 5-7	1	0	0	0	0	2	5.25

Inherited runners-scored: Brazoban 3-1, Nardi 2-0, Tonkin 3-1. IBB: off Floro (Albies), off Nardi (Acuna Jr.). **WP:** Elder. **Umpires:** Home, Pat Hoberg; First, Nestor Ceja; Second, Alfonso Marquez; Third, Brian O'Nora. **Time:** 2:28. **A:** 30,282(41,149).

PHILADELPHIA 6, SEATTLE 5

Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Rodriguez cf	5	1	1	1	4	.233
France 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.266
Kelenic lf	4	0	0	0	3	.325
Suarez 3b	4	0	2	0	1	.272
Hernandez rf	4	0	0	0	2	.234
Raleigh c	3	1	0	0	1	.216
Pollock dh	4	1	1	0	1	.128
Wong 2b	2	1	1	0	0	.153
a-Caballero	1	0	0	0	1	.200
Crawford ss	4	1	3	4	0	.271
TOTALS	**35**	**5**	**8**	**5**	**14**	

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Stott 2b	4	2	2	0	0	.343
Turner ss	4	0	1	0	0	.280
Schwarber lf	4	0	1	1	2	.207
Castellanos dh	4	2	3	3	0	.333
Marsh cf	4	1	1	0	1	.351
Realmuto c	4	0	2	1	1	.259
Bohm 1b	4	0	1	1	1	.298
Cave rf	4	0	0	0	2	.186
Sosa 3b	4	1	1	0	1	.306
TOTALS	**36**	**6**	**12**	**6**	**8**	

Seattle	**050 000 000**	**5 8**	**0**
Philadelphia	**201 010 02x**	**612**	**0**

a-struck out for Wong in the 9th. **LOB:** Seattle 5, Philadelphia 7. **2B:** Wong (1), Crawford (7). **HR:** Crawford (1), off Walker; Rodriguez (5), off Walker; Castellanos (3), off Gilbert. **RBIs:** Crawford 4(8), Rodriguez (13), Castellanos 3(16), Schwarber (11), Realmuto (8), Bohm (20). SB: Sosa (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Seattle 2(Rodriguez 2); Philadelphia 4(Stott 2, Marsh 2). **RISP:** Seattle 1for 4; Philadelphia 4for 12. **Runners moved up:** Turner 2, Castellanos.

SEATTLE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gilbert	5	7	4	4	1	6	4.23
Gott, H, 5	1⅓	0	0	0	0	2	2.08
Speier, H, 4	⅔	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Topa, L, 0-2, BS, 0-1	0	4	2	2	0	0	2.00
Murfee	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.74

PHILADELPHIA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Walker	4	5	5	5	2	6	4.97
Ortiz	2	1	0	0	0	2	1.29
Dominguez	1	1	0	0	0	2	7.45
Kimbrel, W, 1-0	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.50
Alvarado, S, 4-5	1	1	0	0	0	2	0.79

Pitches-Strikes: Gilbert 86-60; Gott 15-12; Speier 9-6; Topa 16-9; Murfee 12-10; Walker 68-40; Ortiz 31-22; Domínguez 17-11; Kimbrel 14-9; Alvarado 22-14. **Inherited runners-scored:** Murfee 2-0. **WP:** Gilbert. **Umpires:** Home, Ryan Wills; First, Andy Fletcher; Second, Erich Bacchus; Third, Laz Diaz. T: 2:34. **A:** 32,641(42,901).

WASHINGTON 4, N.Y. METS 1

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Call lf	4	0	1	1	3	.224
Garcia 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.209
Candelario 3b	5	1	1	1	2	.245
Meneses dh	4	0	1	0	1	.266
Ruiz c	4	1	1	0	1	.286
Do.Smith 1b	5	1	1	0	2	.232
Thomas rf	3	0	1	1	1	.267
Abrams ss	4	0	2	1	1	.221
Robles cf	2	1	0	0	2	.279
TOTALS	**35**	**4**	**8**	**4**	**13**	

NY Mets	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Nimmo cf	3	0	0	0	2	.337
Marte rf	4	0	1	1	2	.228
Lindor ss	4	0	0	0	1	.213
Alonso 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.245
Canha lf	4	0	0	0	2	.228
McNeil 2b	3	0	2	0	1	.295
Pham dh	4	0	0	0	3	.205
Escobar 3b	2	1	1	0	0	.158
a-Baty ph-3b	1	0	0	0	1	.240
Nido c	2	0	0	0	1	.116
b-Vogelbach ph	0	0	0	0	0	.256
1-Alvarez pr-c	1	0	0	0	1	.161
TOTALS	**32**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**15**	

Washington	**020 000 110**	**4 8**	**1**
N.Y. Mets	**001 000 000**	**1 4**	**3**

a-walked for Escobar in the 7th. b-walked for Nido in the 7th. 1-ran for Vogelbach in the 7th. **E:** Abrams (6), Escobar (1), Alonso (1), Ottavino (1). **LOB:** Washington 11, New York 8. **2B:** Do.Smith (1). **3B:** Escobar (1). **HR:** Candelario (4), off Brigham. **RBIs:** Thomas (9), Abrams (9), Candelario (12), Call (10), Marte (7). **SB:** Robles 2 (6). **Runners left in scoring position:** Washington 7(Garcia 3, Candelario 2, Call 2); New York 3(Lindor 3). **RISP:** Washington 3for 13; New York 1for 8. **Runners moved up:** Abrams, Nimmo. **GIDP:** Ruiz. **DP:** New York 2(McNeil, Lindor, Alonso; McNeil, Lindor, Alonso).

WASHINGTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gore, W, 3-1	6	4	1	1	2	10	3.00
Edwards Jr., H, 4	⅓	0	0	0	2	0	0.93
Harvey, H, 6	1⅔	0	0	0	0	3	2.61
Finnegan, S, 5-6	1	0	0	0	0	2	7.56

NY METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Senga, L, 3-1	5	5	2	2	4	7	4.15
Brigham	1⅔	2	1	1	1	2	1.59
Raley	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	3.48
Ottavino	1	1	1	1	1	2	2.70
Robertson	1	0	0	0	1	2	0.87

Inherited runners-scored: Harvey 2-0, Raley 1-0. **WP:** Senga. **Umpires:** Home, Mark Carlson; First, Jordan Baker; Second, Tripp Gibson; Third, Brennan Miller. **Time:** 2:53. **A:** 20,191(42,136).

SAN DIEGO 5, CHI. CUBS 3

San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Tatis Jr. rf	5	0	2	3	0	.222
Soto lf	5	0	0	0	3	.178
Machado 3b	4	0	1	0	1	.214
Bogaerts ss	4	1	1	0	0	.326
Cruz dh	4	1	1	0	0	.255
Cronenworth 1b	4	0	1	2	2	.221
Kim 2b	3	2	2	0	0	.215
Nola c	2	0	0	0	0	.140
a-Grisham ph-cf	1	1	0	0	1	.195
Azocar cf	2	0	1	0	0	.256
Sullivan c	1	0	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	**35**	**5**	**9**	**5**	**7**	

Chi. Cubs	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Hoerner 2b	5	0	1	1	0	.340
Swanson ss	4	0	0	0	1	.274
Happ lf	4	0	1	0	2	.293
Suzuki rf	4	1	1	0	1	.286
Mancini 1b	4	1	2	2	0	.253
Hosmer dh	3	0	1	0	1	.230
b-Madrigal ph	1	0	0	0	1	.286
Wisdom 3b	3	1	0	0	0	.241
Gomes c	4	0	1	0	1	.305
Velazquez cf	3	0	1	0	1	.500
TOTALS	**35**	**3**	**8**	**3**	**8**	

San Diego	**000 200 201**	**5 9**	**0**
Chi. Cubs	**000 210 000**	**3 8**	**0**

a-walked for Nola in the 7th. b-struck out for Hosmer in the 9th. **LOB:** San Diego 6, Chicago 7. **2B:** Machado (4), Velazquez (2), Gomes (1). 3B: Cronenworth (2). **HR:** Mancini (3), off Wacha. **RBIs:** Cronenworth 2(13), Tatis Jr. 3(4), Mancini 2(14), Hoerner (15). **SB:** Azocar (5), Kim 2(3), Hoerner (10). **S:** Azocar. **Runners left in scoring position:** San Diego 5(Machado, Nola 2, Cronenworth, Tatis Jr.); Chicago 4(Wisdom, Swanson, Hoerner 2). **RISP:** San Diego 3for 10; Chicago 1for 6. **Runners moved up:** Bogaerts, Soto, Sullivan, Gomes, Velazquez.

SAN DIEGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wacha	5	4	3	3	1	5	6.75
Martinez, W, 2-1	3	3	0	0	0	2	3.58
Hader, S, 9-9	1	1	0	0	1	1	0.75

CHI. CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Smyly	5	4	2	2	1	4	3.21
Alzolay, H, 5	1	2	1	1	0	0	2.92
Hughes, L, 0-1, BS, 0-1	⅔	1	1	1	1	0	3.18
Rucker	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	2.53
Boxberger	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.00
Merryweather	1	2	1	1	0	2	8.38

Inherited runners-scored: Hughes 1-1, Rucker 1-0. **Umpires:** HP, Clint Vondrak; 1B, Gabe Morales; 2B, Scott Barry; 3B, Adam Beck. T: 2:47. **A:** 28,955(41,363).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

through Tuesday's games

BATTING AVERAGE	G	AB	H	R	AVG.
M.Chapman Tor	24	88	32	16	.364
Arozarena TB	23	89	31	18	.348
Kelenic Sea	21	73	25	11	.342
Bichette Tor	25	106	36	15	.340
Guerrero Jr. Tor	25	99	33	18	.333
Dubón Hou	20	85	28	18	.329
Trout LAA	22	86	28	17	.326
Franco TB	23	92	29	13	.315
Y.Díaz TB	22	83	26	19	.313
Verdugo Bos	26	103	32	20	.311

Home Runs: Devers, Boston, 9; Gallo, Minnesota, 7; Kelenic, Seattle, 7; A.García, Texas, 7; 8 tied at 6.
Runs Batted In: A.García, Texas, 29; Alvarez, Houston, 27; Arozarena, Tampa Bay, 24; Devers, Boston, 24; Semien, Texas, 22; Mullins, Baltimore, 20; Mountcastle, Baltimore, 20; Tucker, Houston, 19; M.Chapman, Toronto, 18; Renfroe, Los Angeles, 18.
Pitching: Ryan, Minnesota, 5-0; Cole, New York, 4-0; Gibson, Baltimore, 4-0; McClanahan, Tampa Bay, 4-0; Kikuchi, Toronto, 4-0; S.Gray, Minnesota, 3-0; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 3-0; Eflin, Tampa Bay, 3-0; Bradley, Tampa Bay, 3-0.
Strikeout: deGrom, Texas, 43; Gausman, Toronto, 41; P.López, Minnesota, 39; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 38; McClanahan, Tampa Bay, 37; Cole, New York, 36; Ryan, Minnesota, 36.

NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS

through Tuesday's games

BATTING AVERAGE	G	AB	H	R	AVG.
Arraez Mia	20	72	32	8	.444
Acuña Jr. Atl	24	99	36	21	.364
Marsh Phi	22	70	25	14	.357
Nimmo NYM	23	83	29	14	.349
Hoerner ChC	22	98	34	20	.347
Stott Phi	23	101	34	7	.337
E.Díaz Col	23	72	24	8	.333
Bogaerts SD	25	91	30	17	.330
Outman LAD	24	79	25	15	.316
Castellanos Phi	24	92	29	19	.315

Home Runs: Muncy, Los Angeles, 11; Alonso, New York, 10; Wisdom, Chicago, 9; Tellez, Milwaukee, 8; Outman, Los Angeles, 7; Albies, Atlanta, 7; Murphy, Atlanta, 6; Gorman, St. Louis, 6; Olson, Atlanta, 6; 14 tied at 5.
Runs Batted In: Alonso, New York, 23; Albies, Atlanta, 23; Gorman, St. Louis, 22; Muncy, Los Angeles, 21; Olson, Atlanta, 20; Outman, Los Angeles, 19; Bohm, Philadelphia, 19; 5 tied at 18.
Pitching: Steele, Chicago, 4-0; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 4-1; Strider, Atlanta, 3-0; Senga, New York, 3-0; Gallen, Arizona, 3-1; Megill, New York, 3-1; Miley, Milwaukee, 3-1; K.Nelson, Arizona, 3-1.
Strikeouts: Strider, Atlanta, 49; Gallen, Arizona, 39; Lodolo, Cincinnati, 37; Webb, San Francisco, 36; Wheeler, Philadelphia, 34.

ON THIS DATE

APRIL 27

1909: The White Sox win their third straight 1-0 game over St. Louis in three days.
1918: The Dodgers finally win after a major league record 0-9 start, with a 5-3 victory over the New York Giants in the opening game of a doubleheader.
1929: Brooklyn relief pitcher Clise Dudley homered on the first major league pitch he saw at Philadelphia's Baker Bowl.
1944: Jim Tobin of the Braves pitched a no-hitter against the Dodgers in Boston, winning 2-0. He also hit a homer.
1963: Two two-sport players pitched in the fourth inning in a game at Fenway park. NBA players, Gene Conley of the Celtics and Red Sox and Dave DeBusschere of the Knicks and White Sox. The Red Sox won 9-5.
1968: Tom Phoebus of the Orioles no-hit the Boston Red Sox 6-0 at Baltimore.
1973: Kansas City's Steve Busby pitched his first of two career no-hitters with a 3-0 victory over the Tigers at Detroit.
1983: Walter Johnson's record of 3,508 career strikeouts was eclipsed by Houston's Nolan Ryan-- a record that stood for 56 years. Ryan fanned Montreal pinch-hitter Brad Mills in the eighth inning as the Astros beat the Expos 4-2.
1994: Scott Erickson, who allowed the most hits in the majors the previous season, pitched Minnesota's first no-hitter in 27 years as the Twins beat Milwaukee 6-0. Last season Erickson led the majors in losses (19), hits (266) and runs (138).
1996: Barry Bonds became the fourth major leaguer with 300 homers and 300 steals when he homered in the third inning of the San Francisco Giants' 6-3 victory over the Florida Marlins. His father, Bobby Bonds, godfather Willie Mays, and Andre Dawson are the only other players to reach 300-300.
2002: Derek Lowe, who struggled to keep his job as a closer last season, pitched a no-hitter against Tampa Bay. Brent Abernathy was the only baserunner Lowe allowed in Boston's 10-0 victory.
2003: Kevin Millwood pitched a no-hitter to lead the Phillies over the Giants 1-0. Millwood struck out 10 and walked 3.
2009: West Virginia State's Bo Darby hit home runs in five consecutive at-bats over two games, including four in one contest. The sophomore outfielder homered in his first four trips to the plate against Salem International. He also connected in his final at-bat two days earlier against the University of Charleston. Darby homered twice more in the second game of the doubleheader, giving him 6 for the day with 14 RBIs.

TODAY'S PITCHING COMPARISON

INTERLEAGUE			2023			2022 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TM	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Sea	Kirby (R)		2-1	3.57	2-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	18.1	2.45
Phi	Strahm (L)	12:05p	1-2	3.00	2-2	0-0	3.0	3.00	1-2	13.0	4.15

AMERICAN LEAGUE			2023			2022 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TM	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Oak	Sears (L)		0-1	4.98	2-2	0-0	5.1	3.38	0-1	17.0	4.76
LAA	Ohtani (R)	3:07p	3-0	0.64	4-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Bal	Gibson (R)		4-0	3.60	4-1	1-0	6.1	1.42	2-0	18.0	3.00
Det	Wentz (L)	5:40p	0-3	7.56	1-3	0-1	4.0	11.25	0-2	11.1	8.74
TB	McClanahan (L)		4-0	1.86	5-0	0-0	6.0	3.00	2-0	17.0	2.12
ChW	Cease (R)	6:10p	2-0	2.73	3-2	0-0	4.0	6.75	1-0	15.0	3.60
KC	Greinke (R)		0-3	4.61	1-4	0-1	5.1	3.38	0-1	16.0	6.19
Min	Mahle (R)	6:40p	1-2	3.32	1-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	16.2	3.78
NYY	Cole (R)		4-0	0.79	5-0	0-1	12.1	2.19	2-0	21.2	0.83
Tex	Heaney (L)	7:05p	2-1	4.34	3-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	16.0	1.12

NATIONAL LEAGUE			2023			2022 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TM	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Mia	Garrett (L)		1-0	2.84	3-0	0-1	10.2	1.69	1-0	16.0	2.25
Atl	Wright (R)	11:20a	0-1	5.93	2-1	2-0	11.0	0.00	0-1	13.2	5.93
LAD	Urias (L)		3-2	3.33	3-2	0-2	12.0	4.50	1-2	15.0	4.80
Pit	Keller (R)	11:35a	2-0	3.64	4-1	1-0	5.0	3.60	1-0	18.0	3.50
SD	Lugo (R)		2-1	2.78	3-1	0-0	2.1	3.86	1-1	15.2	3.45
ChC	Wesneski (R)	1:20p	1-1	6.23	3-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	12.2	6.39
StL	Mikolas (R)		0-1	7.46	2-3	1-0	5.2	1.59	0-0	16.0	6.19
SF	Webb (R)	2:45p	1-4	4.40	1-4	2-0	11.0	4.09	1-2	19.2	3.20
Was	Williams (R)		1-1	3.38	2-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	16.1	2.76
NYM	Lucchesi (L)	6:10p	1-0	0.00	1-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	17.1	0.52

TEAM REC: Team's Record in games started by today's pitcher.
VS OPP: Pitcher's record versus this opponent.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Cincinnati 5, Texas 3
N.Y. Yankees 12, Minnesota 6
Toronto 8, Chi. White Sox 0
Baltimore 6, Boston 2
Cleveland 4, Colorado 1
Milwaukee 6, Detroit 2
Arizona 2, Kansas City 0
Houston 1, Tampa Bay 0
Philadelphia 6, Seattle 5
Oakland at L.A. Angels, late

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Kansas City at Minnesota, 3:10p.m.
Baltimore at Detroit, 5:40p.m.
Seattle at Toronto, 6:07p.m.
Cleveland at Boston, 6:10p.m.
Tampa Bay at Chi. White Sox, 6:10p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Texas, 7:05p.m.
L.A. Angels at Milwaukee, 7:10p.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 7:10p.m.
Cincinnati at Oakland, 8:40p.m.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Cincinnati 7, Texas 6
Seattle 5, Philadelphia 3
Boston 8, Baltimore 6
Houston 5, Tampa Bay 0
Toronto 7, Chi. White Sox 0
Minnesota 6, N.Y. Yankees 2
Detroit 4, Milwaukee 3
Kansas City 5, Arizona 4
L.A. Angels 5, Oakland 3

NATIONAL LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Cincinnati 5, Texas 3
Cleveland 4, Colorado 1
Milwaukee 6, Detroit 2
Arizona 2, Kansas City 0
Philadelphia 6, Seattle 5
Pittsburgh 8, L.A. Dodgers 1
Atlanta 6, Miami 4
Washington 4, N.Y. Mets 1
San Diego 5, Chi. Cubs 3
St. Louis at San Francisco, late

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Chicago Cubs at Miami, 5:40p.m.
Pittsburgh at Washington, 6:05p.m.
Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 6:10p.m.
L.A. Angels at Milwaukee, 7:10p.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 7:10p.m.
Arizona at Colorado, 7:40p.m.
Cincinnati at Oakland, 8:40p.m.
St. Louis at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10p.m.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Colorado 5, Cleveland 1
Cincinnati 7, Texas 6
Seattle 5, Philadelphia 3
L.A. Dodgers 8, Pittsburgh 7
Washington 5, N.Y. Mets 0
Atlanta 7, Miami 4
Detroit 4, Milwaukee 3
Chi. Cubs 6, San Diego 0
San Francisco 5, St. Louis 4
Kansas City 5, Arizona 4

AROUND THE HORN

■ **Diamondbacks:** Zac Gallen struck out 12 over 6 ⅓ innings and stretched his scoreless streak to 28 innings, leading the Diamondbacks over the Royals 2-0 on Wednesday in Phoenix. The D-backs took two of three games from the Royals and finished a 3-4 homestand. Gallen (4-1) gave up four hits and walked none. He struck out six straight batters in the fourth and fifth innings, one shy of the franchise record set by Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling, both in 2001. The right-hander — who finished fifth in the NL Cy Young Award voting last season — hasn't given up a run since April 4 against the Padres. He's no stranger to long scoreless streaks as the D-backs just celebrated his 44 ⅓ inning scoreless streak from 2022 with a bobblehead giveaway last weekend. Gallen's only minor trouble came in the first inning when Vinnie Pasquantino and MJ Melendez singled with one out. Edward Olivares and Michael Massey struck out. Miguel Castro handled the eighth and Andrew Chafin threw the ninth for his fourth save in five chances. The first two Royals batters reached base on Chafin, but the lefty retired the next three, including Freddy Fermin on a strikeout to end the game. The D-backs have pitched four shutouts. The Royals have been blanked six times.

■ **Reds:** Nick Senzel hit a game-ending, two-run HR in the ninth, stopping the Reds' longest homerless draught in 32 years and giving them a 5-3 win over the visiting Rangers and their first series sweep since last July. Kevin Newman singled leading off the ninth against Jonathan Hernández and took second on shortstop Josh Smith's throwing error. Senzel hit a full-count slider off the yellow padding along the top of the left-field wall, ending the Reds' streak of 79 innings without a home run since Kevin Newman's second-inning on April 17.

■ **Mariners:** LHP Robbie Ray will have surgery to repair the flexor tendon in his pitching elbow and will miss the rest of the season. Ray, in the second season of a five-year, $115 million contract, was injured in his season debut against the Guardians on March 31 when he walked five. Ray, 31, has been incredibly durable for most of his career. Ray has made at least 28 starts five times since 2016, including the 2021 season with the Blue Jays when he won the AL Cy Young Award. Ray, 31, is 74-71 with a 3.96 ERA in 10 seasons.

■ **Twins:** RHP Kenta Maeda had an MRI exam after he complained of muscle discomfort on the top of his right arm in their 12-6 loss to the Yankees. He's in the early stage of his comeback from elbow surgery that kept him out all of last season. Maeda, 35, is 0-4 with a 9.00 ERA in four starts this season.

■ **Extra innings:** Hunter Brown combined with two relievers on a two-hitter and the visiting Astros shut out the major league-best Rays for the second straight game, 1-0. Brown had a career-high eight strikeouts and walked two in his seven innings. The Astros had snapped the Rays' 14-game home winning streak to start the season, an MLB best since 1901, with Tuesday's 5-0 win. ... SS Javier Báez left in the first inning of the Tigers' 6-2 road loss to the Brewers after being struck on the left hand by a pitch. The Tigers said Báez's hand was bruised and X-rays were negative.

SCOREBOARD

NBA PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
x-If necessary; best-of-7
EAST CONFERENCE

#8 Miami 3, #1 Milwaukee 1
April 16: G1 Miami 130-117.
April 19: G2 at Milwaukee 138-122.
April 22: G3 at Miami 121-99.
April 24: G4 at Miami 119-114.
Wednesday: G5 at Milwaukee, late
x-Friday: G6 at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
x-Sunday: G7 at Milwaukee, TBA

#2 Boston 3, #7 Atlanta 2
April 15: G1 at Boston 112-99.
April 18: G2 at Boston 119-106.
April 21: G3 at Atlanta 130-122.
April 23: G4 Boston 129-121.
April 25: G5 Atlanta 119-117.
Thursday: G6 at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
x-Saturday: G7 at Boston, TBA

#3 Philadelphia 4, #6 Brooklyn 0
April 15: G1 at Philadelphia 121--101.
April 17: G2 at Philadelphia 96-84.
April 20: G3 Philadelphia 102-97.
April 22: G4 Philadelphia 96-88.

#5 New York 4, #4 Cleveland 1
April 15: G1 New York 101-97.
April 18: G2 at Cleveland 107-90.
April 21: G3 at New York 99-79.
April 23: G4 at New York 102-93.
Wednesday: G5 New York 106-95.

EAST CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
#3Philadelphia vs.
#2Boston/#7Atlanta, TBA
#5New York vs.
#1Milwaukee/#8Miami

WEST CONFERENCE

#1 Denver 4, #8 Minnesota 1
April 16: G1 at Denver 109-80.
April 19: G2 at Denver 122-113.
April 21: G3 Denver 120-111.
April 23: G4 at Minnesota 114-108 (OT)
April 25: G5 at Denver 119-112.

#7 L.A. Lakers 3, #2 Memphis 2
April 16: G1 L.A. Lakers 128-112.
April 19: G2 at Memphis 103-93.
April 22: G3 at L.A. Lakers 111-101.
April 24: G4 at L.A. Lakers 117-111 (OT)
Wednesday: G5 at Memphis 116-99.
Friday: G6 at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
x-Sunday: G7 at Memphis, TBA

#3 Sacramento 2, #6 Golden State 2
April 15: G1 at Sacramento 126-123.
April 17: G2 at Sacramento 114-106.
April 20: G3 at Golden State 114-97.
April 23: G4 at Golden State 126-125.
Wednesday: G5 at Sacramento, late
Friday: G6 at Golden State, 7 p.m.
x-Sunday: G7 at Sacramento, TBA

#4 Phoenix 4, #5 L.A. Clippers 1
April 16: G1 L.A. Clippers 115-110.
April 18: G2 at Phoenix 123-109.
April 20: G3 Phoenix 129-124.
April 22: G4 Phoenix 112-100.
April 25: G5 at Phoenix 136-130.

WEST CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
#1 Denver vs. #4 Phoenix
Saturday: G1 at Denver, TBA
Monday: G2 at Denver, TBA
May 5: G3 at Phoenix, TBA
May 7: G4 at Phoenix, TBA
x-May 9: G5 at Denver, TBA
x-May 11: G6 at Phoenix, TBA
x-May 14: G7 at Denver, TBA

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS
through Tuesday's games

3-POINTERS	TM	3P	3PA	3P%
Stephen Curry	GSW	20	50	.400
Jamal Murray	DEN	18	42	.429
Jayson Tatum	BOS	17	50	.340
Klay Thompson	GSW	17	43	.395
Anthony Edwards	MIN	15	43	.349
Tyrese Maxey	PHI	15	30	.500
Derrick White	BOS	15	30	.500
Bogdan Bogdanovic	ATL	14	29	.483
Devin Booker	PHO	14	30	.467
James Harden	PHI	14	33	.424
Michael Porter Jr.	DEN	14	33	.424
Trae Young	ATL	14	42	.333

2-POINTERS	TM	2P	2PA	2P%
Devin Booker	PHO	57	88	.648
Jimmy Butler	MIA	45	69	.652
Jaylen Brown	BOS	42	72	.583
Anthony Edwards	MIN	40	71	.563
Nikola Jokic	DEN	37	77	.481
Trae Young	ATL	37	79	.468
Deandre Ayton	PHO	35	66	.530
Kevin Durant	PHO	33	61	.541
De'Aaron Fox	SAC	33	65	.508
LeBron James	LAL	33	50	.660
Russell Westbrook	LAC	33	77	.429

FIELD GOALS	TM	FG	FAA	FG%
Devin Booker	PHO	71	118	.602
Anthony Edwards	MIN	55	114	.482
Jimmy Butler	MIA	54	86	.628
Jaylen Brown	BOS	53	97	.546
Trae Young	ATL	51	121	.421

FREE THROWS	TM	FT	FTA	FT%
Kevin Durant	PHO	43	45	.956
Anthony Edwards	MIN	33	39	.846
Devin Booker	PHO	30	35	.857
Jimmy Butler	MIA	29	39	.744
Trae Young	ATL	29	35	.829
Nikola Jokic	DEN	24	34	.706
Norman Powell	LAC	24	31	.774
Joel Embiid	PHI	23	24	.958
Malik Monk	SAC	23	24	.958

ODDS

NBA PLAYOFFS — THURSDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
Boston	6½	(231½)	at Atlanta
			SATURDAY
at Denver	2½	(225)	Phoenix

ODDS TO WIN SERIES

Boston	-2500	Atlanta	+1150
Phoenix	-135	Denver	+115

NHL PLAYOFFS — THURSDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Toronto	-156	Tampa Bay	+130
at New Jersey	-122	NY Rangers	+102
at Vegas	-184	Winnipeg	+152
			FRIDAY
at NY Islanders	-120	Carolina	+110
at Minnesota	-111	Dallas	+103
			SATURDAY
Edmonton	-166	at Los Angeles	+144

MLB — THURSDAY

American League

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at LA Angels	-235	Oakland	+194
Baltimore	-135	at Detroit	+115
Tampa Bay	-145	at Chi. Wh. Sox	+125
at Minnesota	-202	Kansas City	+170
NY Yankees	-157	at Texas	+135

National League

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at ATLANTA	-191	Miami	+162
LA Dodgers	-168	at Pittsburgh	+144
at Chi. Cubs	Off	San Diego	Off
St. Louis	-112	at San Fran.	-104
at NY Mets	-218	Washington	+182

Interleague

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
Seattle	-113	at Philadelphia	-107

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NFL DRAFT ODDS

# 1 Overall Pick odds

Bryce Young, QB, Alabama	1-10
Will Levis, QB, Kentucky	9-2
CJ Stroud, QB, Ohio State	25-1
Anthony Richardson, QB, Florida	35-1

#2 Overall Pick odds

Will Levis, QB, Kentucky	7-4
Tyree Wilson, EDGE, Texas Tech	6-4
CJ Stroud, QB, Ohio State	11-4
Will Anderson, EDGE, Ohio State	13-4
Anthony Richardson, QB, Florida	30-1
Bryce Young, QB, Alabama	6-1

# 3 Overall Pick Odds

CJ Stroud, QB, Ohio State	11-4
Tyree Wilson, EDGE, Texas Tech	3-1
Will Anderson, EDGE, Ohio State	3-1
Anthony Richardson, QB, Florida	6-1
Will Levis, QB, Kentucky	9-1
Paris Johnson Jr, OT, Ohio State	7-2

#4 Overall pick Odds

Will Levis	13-10	CJ Stroud	2-1
A. Richardson	13-4	Will Anderson	9-2
Tyree Wilson	10-1	Paris Johnson Jr	15-1

# 5Overall Pick

Will Anderson	13-4	Tyree Wilson	7-2
A.Richardson	3-1	Jalen Carter, UGA	1-1
CJ Stroud	5-1	Will Levis	10-1

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NHL PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Boston 3, Florida 2
April 17: G1 at Boston 3-1.
April 19: G2 Florida 6-3.
April 21: G3 Boston 4-2.
April 23: G4 Boston 6-2.
Wednesday: G5 Florida 4-3 (OT).
Friday: G6 at Florida, TBA
x-Sunday: G7 at Boston, TBA

Carolina 3, N.Y. Islanders 2
April 17: G1 Carolina 2-1
April 19: G2 Carolina 4-3 (OT)
April 21: G3 N.Y. Islanders 5-1.
April 23: G4 Carolina 5-2.
April 25: G5 N.Y.. Islanders 3-2.
Friday: G6 at N.Y. Islanders, TBA
x-Sunday: G7 at Carolina, TBA

New Jersey 2, N.Y. Rangers 2
April 18: G1 N.Y. Rangers 5-1.
April 20: G2 N.Y. Rangers 5-1
April 22: G3 New Jersey 2-1 (OT)
April 24: G4 New Jersey 3-1.
Thursday: G5 at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
x-Saturday: G6 at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
x-Monday: G7 at New Jersey, TBD

Toronto 3, Tampa Bay 1
April 18: G1 Tampa Bay 7-3.
April 20: G2 Toronto 7-2.
April 22: G3 Toronto 4-3 (OT).
April 24: G4 Toronto 5-4 (OT).
Thursday: G5 at Toronto, 6 p.m.
x-Saturday: G6 at Tampa Bay, TBA
x-Monday: G7 at Toronto, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Edmonton 3, Los Angeles 2
April 17: G1 Los Angeles 4-3 (OT).
April 19: G2 Edmonton 4-2.
April 21: G3 Los Angeles 3-2 (OT).
April 23: G4 Edmonton 5-4 (OT)
April 25: G5 at Edmonton 6-3.
Saturday: G6 at Los Angeles, TBA
x-Monday: G7 at Edmonton, TBA

Dallas 3, Minnesota 2
April 17: G1 Minnesota 3-2 (2OT0.
April 19: G2 Dallas 7-3.
April 21: G3 Minnesota 5-1.
April 23: G4 Dallas 3-2.
April 25: G5 at Dallas 4-0.
Friday: G6 at Minnesota, TBA
x-Sunday: G7 at Dallas, TBA

Colorado 2, Seattle 2
April 18: G1 Seattle 3-1.
April 20: G2 Colorado 3-2.
April 22: G3 Colorado 6-4.
April 24: G4 at Seattle 3-2 (OT).
Wednesday: G5 at Colorado, late
Friday: G6 at Seattle, 9 p.m.
x-Sunday: G7 at Colorado, TBA

Vegas 3, Winnipeg 1
April 18: G1 Winnipeg 5-1.
April 20: G2 Vegas 5-2.
April 22: G3 Vegas 5-4 (2OT0.
April 24: G4 Vegas 4-2.
Thursday: G5 at Vegas, 9 p.m.
x-Saturday: G6 at Winnipeg, TBA
x-Monday: G7 at Vegas, TBA

GOLF

TOUR MONEY LEADERS

PGA TOUR	MONEY	W
1. Jon Rahm	$13,623,540	4
2. Scottie Scheffler	$12,508,495	2
3. Max Homa	$7,776,012	2
4. Sam Burns	$5,854,274	1
5. Patrick Cantlay	$5,805,625	0
6. Kurt Kitayama	$5,729,508	1
7. Jordan Spieth	$5,549,622	0
8. Rory McIlroy	$5,333,286	1
9. Matt Fitzpatrick	$5,202,388	1
10. Tyrrell Hatton	$4,875,594	0
11. Keegan Bradley	$4,670,124	1
12. Sahith Theegala	$4,572,248	0
13. Xander Schauffele	$4,182,197	0
14. Collin Morikawa	$4,176,134	0
15. Sungjae Im	$4,118,088	0
16. Viktor Hovland	$4,084,759	0
17. Nick Taylor	$4,057,835	0
18. Cameron Young	$4,051,408	0
19. Jason Day	$3,942,533	0
20. Tom Hoge	$3,856,933	0
21. Tony Finau	$3,705,501	1
22. Rickie Fowler	$3,544,972	0
23. Taylor Moore	$3,531,302	1
24. Tom Kim	$3,401,166	1
25. Russell Henley	$3,277,831	1
26. Chris Kirk	$3,248,760	1
27. Justin Rose	$3,248,520	1
28. Adam Svensson	$3,244,118	1
29. Seamus Power	$3,064,282	1
30. Brian Harman	$2,975,187	0
31. Harris English	$2,963,992	0
32. Si Woo Kim	$2,859,596	1
33. Mackenzie Hughes	$2,791,899	1
34. Corey Conners	$2,790,084	1
35. Hayden Buckley	$2,628,411	0
36. Davis Riley	$2,465,951	1
37. Wyndham Clark	$2,420,224	0
38. Taylor Montgomery	$2,418,555	0
39. Andrew Putnam	$2,359,739	0
40. Matt Kuchar	$2,358,277	0
41. Hideki Matsuyama	$2,308,225	0
42. Adam Hadwin	$2,306,845	0
43. Keith Mitchell	$2,233,929	0
44. Justin Thomas	$2,119,933	0
45. Denny McCarthy	$2,064,488	0
46. Nick Hardy	$1,918,508	1
47. Adam Schenk	$1,911,365	0
48. Patrick Rodgers	$1,908,808	0
49. Cam Davis	$1,897,412	0
50. Tommy Fleetwood	$1,893,667	0

LIV GOLF	INDIV	TEAM	TOT
Charles Howell III	$5.37m	$750k	$6.12m
Peter Uihlein	3.76m	1.63m	5.39m
Talor Gooch	4.89m	375k	5.27m
Brooks Koepka	4.63m	375k	5.01m
Danny Lee	4.51m	125k	4.63m
Patrick Reed	2.64m	1.63m	4.26m
Sebastián Muñoz	3.11m	875k	3.98m
Pat Perez	2.03m	1.63m	3.66m
Carlos Ortiz	2.90m	750k	3.65m
Anirban Lahiri	2.43m	750k	3.18m
Dustin Johnson	1.50m	1.63m	3.13m
Mito Pereira	1.99m	875k	2.86m
Brendan Steele	2.78m	--	2.78m
Matthew Wolff	2.14m	375k	2.52m
Branden Grace	2.32m	125k	2.45m
Dean Burmester	2.14m	125k	2.21m
Louis Oosthuizen	2.13m	125k	2.26m
Paul Casey	1.51m	750k	2.26m
Cameron Smith	2.21m	--	2.21m
Sergio Garcia	1.27m	750k	2.02m
Cameron Tringale	1.83m	--	1.83m
Joaquin Niemann	873k	875k	1.75m
Abraham Ancer	870k	750k	1.62m
David Puig	651k	875k	1.53m
Kevin Na	1.33m	125k	1.46m
Bryson DeChambeau	703k	750k	1.45m

CHAMPIONS SCHWAB CUP	MONEY	W
1. David Toms	$800,960	2
2. Steve Stricker	$785,460	1
3. Mark Hensby	$653,377	1
4. Ernie Els	$458,480	1
5. Bernhard Langer	$440,746	1
6. Steven Alker	$422,350	0
7. Robert Karlsson	$401,683	0
8. Alex Cejka	$386,767	0
9. Stephen Ames	$359,214	1
10. Miguel Angel Jiménez	$343,827	0
11. Retief Goosen	$336,910	0
12. Dicky Pride	$336,157	0
13. Doug Barron	$319,007	0
14. Paul Stankowski	$297,190	0
15. Jerry Kelly	$287,746	0
16. Padraig Harrington	$280,960	0
17. Richard Green	$273,444	0
18. Brett Quigley	$242,819	0
19. Mike Weir	$233,750	0
20. Darren Clarke	$231,694	0

LPGA TOUR MONEY LEADERS

RK.	GOLFER	EV	MONEY
1.	Lilia Vu	5	$1,113,878
2.	Nelly Korda	6	$733,980
3.	Georgia Hall	6	$523,192
4.	Jin Young Ko	5	$508,933
5.	Celine Boutier	6	$500,339
6.	Angel Yin	3	$482,936
7.	Atthaya Thitikul	5	$393,872
8.	Brooke M. Henderson	6	$326,135
9.	Allisen Corpuz	6	$311,101
10.	Ruoning Yin	3	$309,396
11.	Grace Kim	4	$304,460
12.	Maja Stark	6	$295,207
13.	Hyo Joo Kim	5	$282,013
14.	Ayaka Furue	7	$280,490
15.	Amy Yang	5	$243,131
16.	A Lim Kim	5	$235,251
17.	Nasa Hataoka	6	$230,611
18.	Charley Hull	5	$226,345
19.	Danielle Kang	5	$221,989
20.	Albane Valenzuela	3	$191,840

TENNIS

MUTUA MADRID OPEN
Wednesday at Caja Magica, Madrid, Red clay, outdoors
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 128
Hugo Gaston d. Jeremy Chardy, 6-3, 6-4.
Gregoire Barrere d. Emilio Nava, 6-0, 5-7, 6-3.
Alex Molcan d. Yibing Wu, 6-2, 6-4.
Albert Ramos-Vinolas d. Ilya Ivashka, 4-6, 7-6(3), 6-2.
Quentin Halys d. Alexei Popyrin, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Roberto Carballes Baena d. David Goffin, 6-4, 6-4.
Alexander Bublik d. Daniel Elahi Galan, 7-6(15), 6-7(4), 6-4.
Yannick Hanfmann d. Juan Pablo Varillas, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.
Stan Wawrinka d. Maxime Cressy, 6-7(3), 6-3, 7-6(4).
Hugo Grenier d. Diego Schwartzman, 7-5, 6-4.
Oscar Otte d. Pavel Kotov, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.
Matteo Arnaldi d. Benoit Paire, 6-1, 3-6, 7-6(6).
Emil Ruusuvuori d. Ugo Humbert, 7-6(6), 7-6(4).
Richard Gasquet d. Martin Landaluce, 6-2, 6-1.
Thiago Monteiro d. Borna Gojo, 7-6(9), 4-6, 6-3.
Jaume Munar d. Thanasi Kokkinakis, 7-6(7), 7-6(3).

WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 128
Tatjana Maria d. Alexandra Eala, 6-1, 6-1.
Mirra Andreeva d. Leylah Annie Fernandez, 6-3, 6-4.
Mayar Sherif d. Camila Giorgi, 4-6, 6-4, retired.
Catherine McNally d. Dalma Galfi, 4-6, 6-0, 6-3.
Rebeka Masarova d. Cristina Bucsa, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.
Arantxa Rus d. Amanda Anisimova, 7-5, 6-2.
Anna Kalinskaya d. Brenda Fruhvirtova, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Camila Osorio d. Clara Burel, 6-3, 6-4.
Aliaksandra Sasnovich d. Elina Svitolina, 6-4, 7-5.
Nuria Parrizas Diaz d. Anna Blinkova, 6-3, 6-0.
Wang Xiyu d. Varvara Gracheva, 6-7(2), 6-3, 6-4.
Magdalena Frech d. Jasmine Paolini, 6-2, 6-3.
Irene Burillo Escorihuela d. Kaia Kanepi, 6-7(5), 6-2, 6-4.
Lesia Tsurenko d. Lucia Bronzetti, 6-1, 6-3.
Julia Grabher d. Viktoriya Tomova, 6-1, 7-6(5).
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova d. Victoria Jimenez Kasintseva, 6-1, 6-7(5), 7-6(7).
Marketa Vondrousova d. Marina Bassols Ribera, 6-1, 6-3.
Alycia Parks d. Anna-Karolina Schmiedlova, 6-2, 6-7(5), 6-2.
Laura Siegemund d. Nadia Podoroska, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Eugenie Bouchard d. Dayana Yastremska, 6-7(6), 6-2, 6-2.
Danka Kovinic d. Sara Errani, 6-4, 6-0.
Jaqueline Cristian d. Sloane Stephens, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.
Alize Cornet d. Elena-Gabriela Ruse, 6-7(6), 6-4, 6-3.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
New England	6	1	2	20	15	8
Cincinnati	6	1	2	20	12	10
Atlanta	5	1	3	18	18	13
New York City FC	4	2	3	15	12	10
Columbus	4	3	2	14	18	10
Nashville	3	3	3	12	8	5
Philadelphia	3	4	2	11	14	13
D.C. United	3	4	2	11	11	13
Orlando City	3	3	2	11	8	10
Chicago	2	2	4	10	12	12
Charlotte FC	2	4	3	9	10	16
Toronto FC	1	2	6	9	12	13
N.Y. Red Bulls	1	3	5	8	6	9
Inter Miami CF	2	6	0	6	6	9
CF Montréal	2	6	0	6	5	17
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PT**	**GF**	**GA**
St. Louis City SC	6	2	1	19	21	10
Seattle	6	2	1	19	17	7
Los Angeles FC	5	0	3	18	16	6
FC Dallas	4	3	2	14	12	11
San Jose	4	3	2	14	11	11
Houston	4	3	1	13	10	8
Minnesota United	3	3	2	11	8	8
Vancouver	2	2	4	10	11	7
Real Salt Lake	3	5	0	9	10	17
Portland	2	5	2	8	11	15
Austin FC	2	4	2	8	6	12
Colorado	1	3	5	8	6	11
LA Galaxy	1	4	3	6	7	12
Sporting KC	0	6	3	3	3	13

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Atlanta at Nashville, 12:30p.m.
Miami at Columbus, 6:30p.m.
Charlotte FC at D.C. United, 6:30p.m.
Cincinnati at New England, 6:30p.m.
LA Galaxy at Orlando City, 6:30p.m.
New York City FC at Toronto FC, 6:30 p.m.
San Jose at Austin FC, 7:30p.m.
N.Y.Red Bulls at Chicago, 7:30p.m.
CF Montréal at Sporting KC, 7:30p.m.
Portland at St. Louis City SC, 7:30p.m.
Seattle at Real Salt Lake, 8:30p.m.
Houston at Los Angeles FC ppd.
Colorado at Vancouver, 9:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCH
FC Dallas at Minnesota, 8p.m.

NWSL

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Portland	3	0	1	10	11	2
OL Reign	3	1	0	9	8	3
San Diego	3	1	0	9	8	4
Gotham FC	3	1	0	9	5	3
Washington	2	0	2	8	5	3
Houston	1	0	3	6	3	2
Angel City	1	2	1	4	5	7
Louisville	0	1	3	3	4	6
Chicago	1	3	0	3	9	12
North Carolina	1	3	0	3	3	6
Kansas City	1	3	0	3	5	9
Orlando	0	4	0	0	1	10

Three points for win, one point for tie.

FRIDAY'S MATCH
North Carolina at Houston, 7:30p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
OL Reign at Louisville, 6:30p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 7p.m.
Orlando at San Diego, 9p.m.
Angel City at Portland, 9:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCH
Gotham FC at Kansas City, 5p.m.

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Arsenal	33	23	6	4	78	38	75
Man City	31	23	4	4	82	29	73
Newcastle	31	16	11	4	54	25	59
Man United	30	18	5	7	46	37	59
Aston Villa	33	16	6	11	46	41	54
Liverpool	32	15	8	9	61	39	53
Tottenham	32	16	5	11	58	51	53
Brighton	30	14	7	9	55	40	49
Brentford	33	11	14	8	50	43	47
Fulham	32	13	6	13	44	43	45
Chelsea	32	10	9	13	30	35	39
Crystal Palace	33	9	10	14	31	42	37
Wolverhampton	33	10	7	16	29	44	37
West Ham	32	9	7	16	34	43	34
Bournemouth	32	9	6	17	31	63	33
Leeds	33	7	9	17	42	63	30
Notting. Forest	33	7	9	17	29	60	30
Leicester	33	8	5	20	44	57	29
Everton	32	6	10	16	24	46	28
Southampton	32	6	6	20	27	56	24

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Notting. Forest 3, Brighton 1
Liverpool 2, West Ham 1
Brentford 2, Chelsea 0
Man City 4, Arsenal 1
THURSDAY'S MATCHES
Everton vs. Newcastle, 2:45p.m.
Southampton vs. Bournemth, 2:45p.m.
Tottenham vs. Man United, 3:15p.m.
SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Crystal Palace vs. West Ham, 7:30a.m.
Brentford vs. Notting. Forest, 10a.m.
Brighton vs. Wolverhampton, 10a.m.
Arsenal vs. Chelsea, ppd
SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Bournemouth vs. Leeds, 9a.m.
Fulham vs. Man City, 9a.m.
Man United vs. Aston Villa, 9a.m.
Newcastle vs. Southampton, 9a.m.
Liverpool vs. Tottenham, 11:30a.m.

USFL FOOTBALL

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Michigan	2	0	0	1.000	53	23
New Jersey	1	1	0	.500	30	30
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	37	47
Pittsburgh	0	2	0	.000	18	42
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Birmingham	2	0	0	1.000	69	12
New Orleans	2	0	0	1.000	60	46
Houston	0	2	0	.000	44	67
Memphis	0	2	0	.000	25	69

WEEK 3
SATURDAY'S GAMES
New Orleans at Birmingham, 11:30a.m.
Memphis at Houston, 5p.m.
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 10a.m.
New Jersey at Michigan, 2p.m.

WEEK 4
SATURDAY, MAY 6
Houston at Philadelphia, 10:30a.m.
Memphis at Michigan, 5p.m.
SUNDAY, MAY 7
New Orleans at New Jersey, 1p.m.
Birmingham at Pittsburgh, 4:30p.m.

XFL FOOTBALL

PLAYOFFS
SATURDAY'S SEMIFINAL
Arlington at Houston, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY'S SEMIFINAL
Seattle at DC, 2 p.m.

May 13, XFL Championship Game, 7 p.m.

SEASON TEAM DEFENSE STATS

TEAM	TKL	SCK	TFL	I	FF	FR
St. Louis	440	19.0	54	11	8	10
San Antonio	405	24.0	63	9	4	2
DC	447	26.0	49	9	9	8
Orlando	411	14.0	41	3	8	6
Arlington	388	19.0	45	13	10	9
Houston	423	35.0	58	12	9	9
Seattle	389	22.0	47	6	9	4
Vegas	458	20.0	54	9	10	9

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NFL

DRAFT ORDER
Draft: Thursday-Saturday at Union Station, Kansas City, Mo.

ROUND 1

1. Carolina	2.Houston
3.Arizona	4.Indianapolis
5.Seattle	6.Detroit
7.Las Vegas	8.Atlanta
9.Chicago	10.Philadelphia
11.Tennessee	12.Houston
13.Green Bay	14.New England
15.N.Y. Jets	16.Washington
17.Pittsburgh	18.Detroit
19.Tampa Bay	20.Seattle
21.L.A. Chargers	22.Baltimore
23.Minnesota	24.Jacksonville
25.N.Y. Giants	26.Dallas
27.Buffalo	28.Cincinnati
29.New Orleans	30.Philadelphia
31.Kansas City	f-Miami

(f-forfeited pick)

ROUND 2

32.Pittsburgh	33.Houston
34.Arizona	35.Indianapolis
36.L.A. Rams	37.Seattle
38.Las Vegas	39.Carolina
40.New Orleans	41.Tennessee
42.Green Bay	43.N.Y. Jets
44.Atlanta	45.Green Bay
46.New England	47.Washington
48.Detroit	49.Pittsburgh
50.Tampa Bay	51.Miami
52.Seattle	53.Chicago
54.L.A. Chargers	55.Detroit
56.Jacksonville	57.N.Y. Giants
58.Dallas	59.Buffalo
60.Cincinnati	61.Chicago
62.Philadelphia	63.Kansas City

ROUND 3

64.Chicago	65.Houston
66.Arizona	67.Denver
68.Denver	69.L.A. Rams
70.Las Vegas	71.New Orleans
72.Tennessee	73.Houston
74.Cleveland	75.Atlanta
76.New England	77.L.A. Rams
78.Green Bay	79.Indianapolis
80.Pittsburgh	81.Detroit
82.Tampa Bay	83.Seattle
84.Miami	85.L.A. Chargers
86.Baltimore	87.Minnesota
88.Jacksonville	89.N.Y. Giants
90.Dallas	91.Buffalo
92.Cincinnati	93.Carolina
94.Philadelphia	95.Kansas City
c-96.Arizona	c-97.Washington
c-98.Cleveland	c-99.San Francisco
c-100.Las Vegas	c-101.San Francisco
c-102.San Francisco	c-compensatory

ROUND 4

103.Chicago	104.Houston
105.Arizona	106.Indianapolis
107.New England	108.Denver
109.Las Vegas	110.Atlanta
111.Cleveland	112.N.Y. Jets
113.Atlanta	114.Carolina
115.New Orleans	116.Green Bay
117.New England	118.Washington
119.Minnesota	120.Pittsburgh
121.Jacksonville	122.Kansas City
123.Seattle	124.Baltimore
125.L.A. Chargers	126.Cleveland
127.Jacksonville	128.N.Y. Giants
129.Dallas	130.Buffalo
131.Cincinnati	132.Carolina
133.Chicago	134.Kansas City
c-135.New England	c-compensatory

ROUND 5

136.Chicago	137.Buffalo
138.Indianapolis	139.Denver
140.Cleveland	141.Las Vegas
142.Cleveland	143.N.Y. Jets
144.Las Vegas	145.Carolina
146.New Orleans	147.Tennessee
148.Chicago	149.Green Bay
150.Washington	151.Seattle
152.Detroit	153.Tampa Bay
154.Seattle	155.San Francisco
156.L.A. Chargers	157.Baltimore
158.Minnesota	159.Detroit Lions
160.N.Y. Giants	161.Houston
162.Indianapolis	163.Cincinnati
164.San Francisco	165.New Orleans
166.Kansas City	c-167.L.A. Rams
c-168.Arizona	c-169.Dallas
c-170.N.Y. Jets	c-171.L.A. Rams
c-172.N.Y. Giants	c-173.San Francisco
c-174.Las Vegas	c-175.Tampa Bay
c-176.Indianapolis	c-177.L.A. Rams

Note:Texans forfeited 3r 2023fifth-round pick due to a salary cap reporting violation from the 2020league year.

ROUND 6

178.Kansas City	179.Tampa Bay
180.Arizona	181.Tampa Bay
182.L.A. Rams	183.Detroit
184.New England	185.Jacksonville
186.Tennessee	187.New England
188.Houston	189.L.A. Rams
190.Cleveland	191.L.A. Rams
192.New England	193.Washington
194.Detroit	195.Denver
196.Tampa Bay	197.Miami
198.Seattle	199.Baltimore
200.L.A. Chargers	201.Houston
202.Jacksonville	203.Houston
204.Las Vegas	205.Buffalo
206.Cincinnati	207.Green Bay
208.Jacksonville	209.N.Y. Giants
c-210.New England	c-211.Minnesota
c-212.Dallas	c-213.Arizona
c-214.Las Vegas	c-215.Washington
c-216.San Francisco	c-217.Kansas City

ROUND 7

218.Chicago	219.Philadelphia
220.Las Vegas	221.Indianapolis
222.San Francisco	223.L.A. Rams
224.Atlanta	225.Atlanta
226.Jacksonville	227.New Orleans
228.Tennessee	229.Cleveland
230.Houston	231.Las Vegas 232.
Green Bay	233.Washington
234.L.A. Rams	235.Green Bay
236.Indianapolis	237.Seattle
238.Miami	239.L.A. Chargers
240.N.Y. Giants	241.Pittsburgh
242.Green Bay	243.N.Y. Giants
244.Dallas	245.New England
246.Cincinnati	247.San Francisco
248.Philadelphia	249.Kansas City
c-250.Kansas City	c-251.Pittsburgh
c-252.Tampa Bay	c-253.San Francisco
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Josh Hart makes a layup during the Knicks' series-clinching win over the Cavaliers on Wednesday. The Knicks made the second round for the first time since 2013. **PHIL LONG/AP**

NBA PLAYOFFS

Knicks beat Cavs, advance

Associated Press

Jalen Brunson scored 23 points, RJ Barrett added 21 and the Knicks downed the Cavaliers 106-95 in Game 5 on Wednesday night to advance to the second round of the Eastern Conference playoffs for the first time since 2013.

The Knicks easily controlled a series that was more one-sided than expected, even after Julius Randle aggravated his left ankle injury and missed the second half.

The Knicks won the opener at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse, overpowered the Cavs twice at noisy Madison Square Garden and then returned to Cleveland to finish the job. The fifth-seeded Knicks will meet the Heat-Bucks winner next. The Heat led the series 3-1 entering Wednesday night's game in Milwaukee that ended too late for this edition.

Brunson was the consistent ingredient throughout the series for the Knicks, who signed the stocky guard as a free agent last summer before their attempt to acquire Donovan Mitchell in a trade from the Jazz fell apart and he landed in Cleveland.

Brunson averaged 24 points in the series and led the Knicks in scoring all four wins while outplaying Mitchell for the second straight postseason. Last year, Brunson was with the Stars when he got the best of Mitchell.

Mitchell scored 28 and Darius Garland 21 for the Cavs, who won 51 games during the regular season but whose inexperience showed throughout their first playoff series in five years. The Cavs weren't ready.

Grizzlies stay alive: Desmond Bane had 33 points and 10 rebounds, Ja Morant added 31 points and 10 boards, and the second-seeded Grizzlies staved off elimination Wednesday night, beating the seventh-seeded Lakers 116-99 to force their West series back to Los Angeles.

Jaren Jackson Jr., the NBA defensive player of the year, had 18 points and 10 rebounds for the Grizzlies, who improved to 5-0 in Game 5s played in Memphis and cut the Lakers' series lead to 3-2.

Game 6 is Friday night in Los Angeles.

LeBron James started 1 of 7 from the field and finished with 15 points and 10 rebounds

Nuggets to face Suns: Nikola Jokic had a triple-double and Jamal Murray scored 35 points as the top-seeded Nuggets eliminated the eighth-seeded Timberwolves 112-109 in Game 5 of the West series Tuesday night in Denver.

The Nuggets will next face the fourth-seeded Suns, who capped off their series win over the fifth-seeded Clippers with a 136-130 victory in Game 5 on Tuesday night in Phoenix.

Edwards cited for assault: Anthony Edwards was cited for third-degree assault after he allegedly swung a chair that struck two female employees following theTimberwolves' loss Tuesday, the Denver Police Department said.

The incident occurred as Edwards walked to the locker room and swung a folding chair, injuring the employees. The injuries weren't serious.

Edwards is scheduled for a June 9 court date in Denver, according to the citation.

IN BRIEF

Panthers trim series deficit vs. Bruins to 3-2

News services

Matthew Tkachuk scored six minutes into overtime to help the Panthers beat the Bruins 4-3 on Wednesday night and force their NHL Eastern Conference first-round playoff series back to Florida for a sixth game.

One game after Bruins goalie Linus Ullmark tried to fight Tkachuk, the Panthers forward took advantage of Ullmark's sloppy puck play behind the net and cut the Presidents' Trophy winners' lead in the series to 3-2.

Sergei Bobrovsky made 44 saves for the Panthers, who have won back-to-back games in Boston but lost twice at home.

Nick Bjugstad scored twice as the Oilers beat the Kings 6-3 on Tuesday night in Edmonton, Alberta, to take a 3-2 lead in the Western Conference series.

■ The Oilers are a win away from advancing to the second round. Game 6 is Saturday in Los Angeles. ... The host Stars beat the Wild 4-0 on Tuesday night to take a 3-2 in the West series.

Auto racing: Hendrick Motorsports driver Alex Bowman will miss at least the next three NASCAR Cup races with a fractured vertebra he suffered in a sprint car crash Tuesday night in Iowa.

College basketball: The family of a man who was fatally struck by a vehicle driven by recently-retired Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim in 2019 agreed to settle a lawsuit against Boeheim and the university. The terms of the settlement remain sealed.

NBA: The NBA and its players voted to ratify a new collective bargaining agreement, formalizing a deal that was tentatively agreed to earlier this month. It goes into effect in July and stretches through the 2029-30 season. Both sides have the option of ending it a year early.

NFL: The Commanders won't pick up the fifth-year option on DE Chase Young. The injury-prone Young was taken with the No. 2 pick in the 2020 draft and was the defensive rookie of the year.

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Another knee injury for Leonard

After the Clippers announced five-time All-Star and two-time NBA Finals MVP Kawhi Leonard as a late scratch ahead of Game 3 of their first-round Western Conference playoff series against the Suns, they labeled the injury as a "knee sprain" and called him day to day. On Wednesday morning, hours after the fourth-seeded Suns eliminated the Clippers in Game 5, it was reported that Leonard was diagnosed with a torn meniscus in his right knee. Leonard averaged 35 points in first two games of this postseason against the Suns before the meniscus injury was discovered and he was shut down by medical staff. The 31-year-old Leonard missed all of last season with a partially torn ACL in his right knee that he suffered in the Clippers' second-round playoff series against the Jazz in 2021. In his first season back from that injury, he played in 52 regular-season games and averaged 23.8 points, 6.5 rebounds, 3.9 assists and 1.4 steals per game. On Tuesday, the Clippers expressed regret on Leonard's behalf that he'd been sidelined by an injury without revealing specifics.

Rodgers hopes to add to his 'legacy'

Aaron Rodgers watched old Super Bowl highlights on VHS tapes as a kid, dreaming about someday starring in his own. He heard all about Joe Namath's famous guarantee and saw the footage of the Jets shocking the Baltimore Colts in 1969. "It's been a while since then," Rodgers said while being introduced as the Jets' new quarterback Wednesday. "I noticed walking in this morning that that Super Bowl III trophy is looking a little lonely." Rodgers hopes he can help add some championship hardware to a franchise hungry for winning. "I'm an old guy," the 39-year-old Rodgers joked, "so I want to be part of a team that can win it all and I believe this is a place where we can get that done." The four-time NFL MVP did insist that he's "not here to be a savior of any kind." But that is the expectation by many. "The opportunity to be part of something special here, it's different," Rodgers said. "It's similar to Green Bay in that way. When you win in a city like Green Bay, and I assume for a team like the New York Jets, you go down in history. And there's something special about adding that to your legacy."

Man City gets key win, title in sight

Kevin de Bruyne scored twice as host Manchester City beat first-place Arsenal 4-1 on Wednesday to take control of the Premier League title race. While the defending champions remain second in the standings, Arsenal's lead was cut to two points, with City having two games in hand. A third league title in as many years is now in sight for manager Pep Guardiola, whose team is in contention for a treble of trophies including the Champions League and FA Cup. Arsenal proved no match for City in a game that always looked likely to have a major say in determining who would be crowned champions. Mikel Arteta's team has led the way for much of the season but never recovered from De Bruyne's seventh minute opener at Etihad Stadium. Aaron Ramsdale produced a string of fine saves to keep Arsenal in the game until John Stones headed in a second for City in first-half stoppage time. Any hopes of a comeback were ended nine minutes into the second half when De Bruyne, above, scored again. Arsenal needed to win to ensure it remained in control of the title race after a recent slump. —*News services*

Preparations for the NFL draft continued Tuesday at Union Station in Kansas City. The draft runs Thursday through Saturday. **CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP**

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scouting, planning, discussion and debate. Then, suddenly, it's go time.

"It's trying to find calmness through the chaos a little bit," Cunningham said. "Just relax."

That rush is real.

Mark Dominik, who spent five seasons as the Tampa Bay Buccaneers GM and 12 as their director of pro scouting, called draft weekend "the most exhilarating part of the entire job."

It's almost intoxicating.

"Your mind is always clicking," said Dominik, now an analyst for SiriusXM Radio. "It's, 'What's next? What could I do? Should I go do something?' You have that list of players you might want to go get or you have your reasons for why you'd trade back."

A Kevin Costner fan, Dominik watched "Draft Day" after his GM days were over.

"In that entire movie, there was really only one thing that was real to me," he said. "One of the things that happens around draft day and certainly on draft day is that you need to get away from everybody, sit in a room and just think.

"It's a great time. It's a very peaceful moment where you say to yourself, 'OK. Here's what I think is the right move for this organization.' "

Introducing ...

Round 1 of the draft begins at 7 p.m. Thursday. If the Bears stay put in the No. 9 slot, they will scoop up the headliner of their 2023 class a little after 8 p.m.

Months of preparation and research have created an intricate matrix of possibility for just about every team and front office. Stare at that long enough and you'll feel almost hypnotized — with hope, with curiosity, with wonder, with excitement.

For the Bears, what happens Thursday night will become the punctuation on an offseason so many fans convinced themselves can be a major turning point in the team's championship pursuit. And the best news is no matter what path GM Ryan Poles chooses and no matter which player he selects in Round 1, he'll be able to sell it like Gatorade to a desert wanderer.

The headliner of this Bears draft class — regardless of his name, position or school — will likely address a significant need.

He will have a college highlight tape that will be played on a loop through the rest of the spring and summer.

He will have talents and traits that will be accentuated on a brochure for where this voyage is headed.

Georgia defensive tackle Jalen Carter? Yes, there are questions about his maturity and drive and how much work it could take to mold him into a reliable professional for the next 10 years. But strictly as a football player, the dude is like a wrecking ball swinging from the bottom of a fighter jet. You can't find that breathtaking combination of speed and power just anywhere.

Offensive lineman Peter Skoronski from Northwestern by way of Maine South High School? Tackle? Guard? Guard or tackle? Does it really matter when most of the league agrees Skoronski has all the talent, technique, intelligence and drive to be a standout starter into the 2030s?

What about Illinois cornerback Devon Witherspoon, who might have the best "HITS principle" tape of any prospect in the draft?

Or, heck, even Texas running back Bijan Robinson, whose biggest — and perhaps only — flaw is he plays a position that's devalued in the pass-happy world of 2020s football.

The menu the Bears will be ordering off Thursday night is impressive.

Wish list

The point is Poles, Cunningham, coach Matt Eberflus and new team President Kevin Warren should have something wonderful to sell by the end of the night, effortlessly able to generate a massive wave of hope and excitement they can surf deep into September or October.

That's a big part of this week's big, big energy.

The stakes for the Bears this weekend are well-established. Poles is in the most demanding stages of a roster overhaul he compared last fall to an extensive home improvement project.

Part of the next step involves having a sober view of the building blocks and working to find upgrades for every placeholder and "just OK" player on the roster.

That's why Poles talks so often and emphatically about this being "a long journey" and why he has given himself repeated reminders that not everything will be fixed to his liking by the start of the 2023 season.

Still, there are major demands this weekend accompanying the excitement Poles and his team of executives, scouts and coaches are feeling.

■ The Bears had the worst pass rush in the NFL last season, and their biggest move in free agency to jump-start those efforts was signing DeMarcus Walker, a seventh-year journeyman joining his fourth NFL team with 19½ career sacks.

■ The Bears couldn't stop the run last season, either, and still have a massive hole in the interior of the defensive line. Opponents racked up 4,080 total yards and 331 points during the 10-game losing streak the Bears will carry into next fall.

■ The Bears are looking for offensive line upgrades, too, to aid quarterback Justin Fields' growth. And they wouldn't mind finding a few playmakers who can be long-term contributors at wide receiver, cornerback, tight end or running back.

You get the point.

'Pressure is a privilege'

Everyone inside the Bears front office understands the potential magnitude of this weekend's proceedings and how grand the expectations are — both internally and from the outside world.

"I kind of look at it as pressure is a privilege," Cunningham said. "At least for us, you just kind of look at it as, 'This is a draft.' We're excited about it. But you just try to keep yourself in the moment."

In their second offseason working together, the Bears front-office leaders believe there has been crisper communication through every phase of the pre-draft process, a natural byproduct of strengthened relationships.

The visions of the coaching staff are clearer. The desired identity of the roster is understood.

Now the Bears have to apply all that amid this weekend's tornado of excitement and anticipation.

Dominik stressed the importance of establishing plans and boundaries, especially for GMs eager to dive into dealing.

"If you're thinking about making a move, you really should know what your limit is the night before," he said. "Because (on draft night) the adrenaline pumps. It goes. And you're in the draft room and you're saying, 'OK, we're going to move from 9 back up to 6.' And you've said to yourself, 'I'm going to give up a (first-rounder), a 3 and a 4.'

"But now it's draft day and you're like, 'OK, I'll give up a 1, a 2 and a 3.' Whoa. What happened to last night when you were calm and thinking clearly? Why did something change? It didn't. You just have to sort through those thoughts."

After the Bears make their first pick Thursday, a flurry of high-fives and hugs will ensue at Halas Hall, most of them caught on camera for the hype videos the team will pump out on social media in the coming days and weeks. There will be a long-awaited and well-earned moment of celebration.

"But you have to keep setting the table as well," Dominik said. "So when you make your pick at No. 9, you don't just sit back and say, 'Well, that's it for today.'

"You have to continually look at your list and figure out exactly who is the player you might want to go get and what would you be willing to give up. Especially when you're in a situation like Chicago where you could use two or three elite players to help you build upon what you've got so far."

There's little time to waste, a lot of activity and emotion to process and so much to get done.

As Cunningham said, the key will be to just relax, to find calmness amid chaos and to embrace all of it as a golden opportunity.

More draft coverage

Check out our 4-page, e-edition-only NFL draft section on Friday, with complete coverage and analysis of the first round. The section will appear in the daily e-edition and will be labeled **Sports Extra**.

French retirement-age protests are warning for US

Charles Selle

A cautionary tale for the U.S. is unfolding across the Atlantic Ocean. That is if our national leaders have been paying attention to what's been happening in France the past few months.

French men and women have taken to the streets to protest raising the retirement age from 62 to 64. What would they do here, as Americans' full retirement age is now 67? That was set some 40 years ago, when the eligibility age was raised from 65.

Of course, Americans can take their Social Security Administration monthly benefits beginning at 62, although they will be monetarily penalized for doing so. For decades in the U.S. there has been the back-and-forth argument for taking SSA benefits at 62 or waiting until 70.

The French, though, don't want to wait until 64. President Emmanuel Macron pushed for the higher retirement age in order to keep France's pension system afloat as the country's median age continues to climb.

Polls have shown a majority of the French people are opposed to the pension reform. Like Americans, they want to increase taxes on the uber-rich and corporations to ensure they "pay their fair share."

We've heard similar warnings of the U.S. national pension system being in trouble. Earlier this month, SSA officials warned they won't have enough cash on hand by 2033 to pay full benefits to the 66 million retirees who claim benefits.

Medicare, too, is in questionable solvency, according to the SSA. Funding for the government-sponsored health insurance program is expected to run out of money by 2031.

Then there's the Illinois public employee pension deficit. Like our federal lawmakers, state representatives continue to kick the problem down the road apparently until we're at crisis time.

For SSA funding, the crunch time is a short decade away.

We may be quick to ignore the union-led demonstrations in France — there have been more than a dozen since January — because, after all, it's the French protesting. Since the French Revolution, we've seen them head to the ramparts and protest just about anything, especially the transit workers shutting down the famed Metro.

Earlier this year, French bakers went on strike against rising bread and electricity prices. Those folks surely like their baguettes, and don't want to eat cake.

As Charles de Gaulle, a hero of World War I and II and former French president, pointed out: "How can you govern a country which has 246 varieties of cheese?" From an American viewpoint, it's seems it's getting harder to govern for Macron.

The Associated Press reported that activists dumped bags of garbage into mounds outside government buildings, lit bonfires in the streets and faced off with riot police. Gay Paree doesn't seem like much fun these days.

There are Lake County Francophiles who visit France nearly every year, skipping around the Parisian arrondissements, sightseeing along both banks of the Seine River in Paris. They solemnly tour Normandy, where thousands of Americans lost their lives in World War II.

They head out to the Burgundy wine country, they sample at the Champagne estates along the Marne River and walk the lavender-filled fields of Provence. Like Hemingway, they return with romantic praise of the country.

Many of them are U.S. retirees who watch with marvel at what is happening in one of their favorite places to travel. How the French — who get a guaranteed six-week summer vacation — are quite livid over raising the retirement age.

These are the same folks who have seen their retirement ages rise over the years. Demographers are suggesting the U.S. retirement age may have to rise, yet again.

For some reason, Americans have meekly accepted higher retirement ages. Unlike the French.

Losing benefits, after paying into the system for decades, may be the tipping point where furious American gray panthers begin clawing at their political elites. One estimate is that there will be a 23% reduction in monthly benefits. For seniors, that's a big slice of their income, and will plunge many into poverty.

Remember during the 2000 presidential campaign when both candidates, George W. Bush and Al Gore, promised to put Social Security funding in a "lock box"? That certainly didn't come to fruition, and younger generations are going to bear the brunt of continued inaction.

Failing to address the coming SSA funding crunch is a recipe for electoral disaster for Republicans or Democrats. It will not be pretty watching police push back people using canes and walkers to get to future protests at the offices of members of Congress and federal buildings.

For Congress, the clock is ticking. Take another look at what is happening in France, and start working on some bipartisan solutions.

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Studies said to build a cargo airport near Peotone

Ted Slowik

So why is the state considering alternate uses for the land?

Southland lawmakers, businesses and municipal leaders are making a major push to convince state officials to move ahead with the proposed South Suburban Airport, but political baggage seems to be bogging down progress.

Economic conditions have evolved to where demand is obvious for a new cargo airport to serve the Chicago area's booming warehouse and logistics industry. Multiple recent studies commissioned by the state conclude a cargo airport would be the best use of nearly 5,000 acres the state has spent about $100 million to acquire since 2002.

"The concept of the proposed South Suburban Airport as an air cargo airport is feasible and it will benefit the Chicago region and the State of Illinois both in movement of air cargo and increased operating efficiencies of the state's system of airports," a 2021 study concluded.

State officials recently provided hundreds of pages of studies about airport feasibility to the Chicago Tribune in response to a Freedom of Information Act request. Independent consultants agreed with all the points that airport supporters have made for years.

"Chicago is large enough to accommodate a second air cargo hub to augment Rockford, hence another argument for the need for the SSA," according to a study by R.A. Wiedemann & Associates.

The new airport would create thousands of permanent jobs and spur billions of dollars in new investment and business growth. New York, Los Angeles and other major cities have three airports, why doesn't Chicago?

O'Hare and Midway lack airspace capacity to expand. Billions of dollars worth of O'Hare improvements are for modernization, not expansion. By fate of geography, Chicago is the only place in America where all the major railroads intersect. Northeastern Illinois is the nation's freight hub.

Businesses are clamoring to ship medicine, produce, high-tech machine parts and other freight by air into the Chicago area. The pie is growing, and if the state doesn't build the South Suburban Airport, Illinois will likely lose business to the Gary/Chicago International Airport in Indiana.

"Rather than compete with existing air cargo airports in the region, SSA will supplement and fill existing gaps in the movement of airfreight in both the region and the state," concluded a 2022 study by WSP, a global research firm.

Studies found not only was the airport needed to serve growing market demand, but the proposed site of the South Suburban Airport was an ideal location. Though it is often referred to as Peotone, the airport is actually proposed for the site of Bult Field, 28261 S. Kedzie Ave., Monee.

It is a "green field" site, offering unlimited room for growth without any cost for environmental cleanups of a "brownfield" redevelopment site. It is near major railroads and interstate highways. It could serve warehouses and fulfillment centers operated by Amazon and others engaged in e-commerce.

Historically, previous Chicago mayors considered a third airport a threat to patronage jobs at O'Hare. Despite Chicago's opposition, former Govs. George Ryan an Pat Quinn supported the airport and helped the state acquire land.

Progress ground to a halt when Bruce Rauner became

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governor in 2015 and seems to have remained in a holding pattern since J.B. Pritzker became governor in 2019. Lately, political leaders such as state Rep. Will Davis, D-Homewood, and groups like the South Suburban Mayors and Mayors Association have tried to move the project forward.

A sense of urgency seems to taken hold, that it's now or never. Davis sponsored legislation, House Bill 2531, that would require the state to seek proposals from investors to develop the airport. The House approved the measure 72-40 March 21.

State Sen. Napoleon Harris, D-Harvey, is chief sponsor of the legislation in the Senate. The measure was assigned to the Executive Committee April 12 and awaits a hearing date. I asked representatives of Pritzker if the governor would sign the bill if the Senate approved it.

"The Governor looks forward to reviewing the legislation when it gets to his desk," his press office said. "The Governor remains a strong supporter of economic development in the south suburbs, that's why the administration is moving forward on capital improvements."

I asked about the status of plans to build a new Interstate 57 interchange and other infrastructure improvements to serve the airport. The Illinois General Assembly approved $162 million in funding for the work in 2019. Last year, the Illinois Department of Transportation selected WSP to engineer and design the improvements.

"After IDOT negotiated with the consultant last year, a policy change at the federal level caused the department to renegotiate with our consultant," Pritzker's press office said. "We anticipate the final scope and agreement in mid to late June."

Despite business experience that has made him a billionaire, Pritzker's reluctance to grasp the explosive economic potential of the South Suburban Airport is puzzling. A reporter recently asked Pritzker about the project, and his press office provided his response.

"What you don't want is 'if you build it they will come' right, just building the thing and hoping that people will show up to essentially pay for the airport having been built," Pritzker said. "You need to make sure that you're building it because you have interest from cargo carriers who are committing to make that a cargo airport."

To be clear, airlines and cargo carriers don't build airports. They're customers of airports and generally oppose new airports that would allow competitors opportunities to cut into their market share.

Among the studies the state provided to the Tribune was an August 2022 report by CDM Smith that examined "Non-Airport Development Options." The report considered "financial and economic impacts of potential development scenarios, as well as legal considerations."

Legal considerations might include whether the state could legally use land it acquired to build an airport for any other purpose. Still, researchers discussed such alternates uses for the land as warehouses, an office park, residential development or farmland. The study's final page indicated authors would convene with state officials again in fall 2022, though no conclusion was provided.

The state has about 90% of the land needed for the airport but still needs about 10%, Pritzker noted. That is generally not considered a major hurdle. The state could acquire the land it needs through condemnation if owners refused to sell.

Also, an environmental study completed years ago would need to be updated. Bear in mind, the Federal Aviation Administration directed Chicago in 1985 to plan for another airport to serve the region. The FAA is not the reason why progress on the airport has slowed to a crawl.

Political baggage seems to best explain Pritzker's reluctance. Perhaps decades of opposition from Chicago mayors and Will County farmers have tarnished the project. Will County political leaders formally oppose the project, but their opposition is seen as reflecting the concerns of residents who oppose the airport.

Quinn and Ryan did the right thing by moving the project forward despite political risks. Maybe insiders who have Pritzker's ear regarding the airport want to protect interests at O'Hare and Rockford.

"We have a terrific airport in Rockford, I don't believe these things are competitive with one another, there are committed cargo carriers at Rockford which is the fastest growing cargo carrier in the world and it means that cargo can be managed in another area that's outside of that zone in the south suburbs, but they have to make the commitments and the people that are putting the airport project together need to obtain those commitments," Pritzker said, according to his press office.

It sounds like if Amazon and other potential users were to step up and say they would use the South Suburban Airport that might provide the assurance needed to convince Pritzker to move forward.

But Amazon and others shouldn't have to state the obvious. All one needs to do is look at where Amazon has occupied giant facilities in recent years, including Markham, Matteson, Monee, University Park and Joliet.

There is no doubt the South Suburban Airport would create jobs, investment and economic benefits for people in the area. The right thing, and the smart thing, is for the state to partner with a private developer to build the airport.

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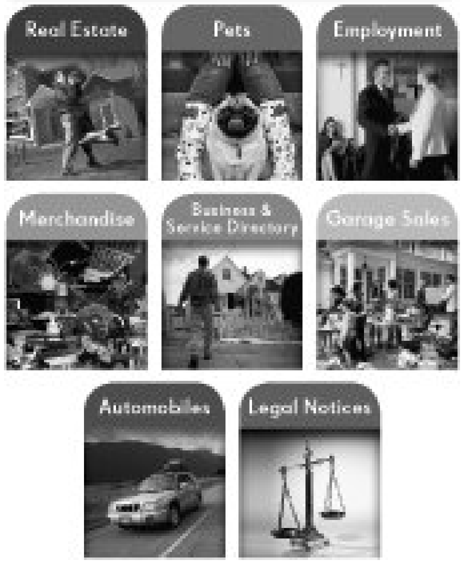
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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, May 22, 2023 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 12-12-404-093-0000.

Commonly known as 7301 West Foster Avenue, Harwood Heights, IL 60706.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Law Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455.
W20-0027 ADC
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
intercountyjudicialsales.com
I3217808
4/20, 4/27, 5/4/2023 7418030

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
CITIZENS BANK NA
Plaintiff,
-v.-
GEORGIAN E. JODA
Defendants
2019 CH 03097
2721 HESSING STREET
RIVER GROVE, IL 60171
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 13, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 25, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 2721 HESSING STREET, RIVER GROVE, IL 60171

Property Index No. 12-26-404-004-0000

The real estate is improved with a residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

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Attorney File No. 14-19-02240
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Attorney Code. 21762
Case Number: **2019 CH 03097**
TJSC#: 43-1544

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # **2019 CH 03097**
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Plaintiff,
-v.-
ROBERT KACZMAREK, GROVE TOWERS III CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, REPUBLIC BANK OF CHICAGO, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2022 CH 09421
8025 O'CONNOR DR APT 2E
RIVER GROVE, IL 60171
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 2, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 22, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 8025 O'CONNOR DR APT 2E, RIVER GROVE, IL 60171

Property Index No. 12-26-206-090-1005

The real estate is improved with a condo/townhouse.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Attorney Code. 21762
Case Number: **2022 CH 09421**
TJSC#: 43-536

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # **2022 CH 09421**
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC
Plaintiff,
-v.-
MATTHEW RANDAZZO A/K/A MATTHEW M RANDAZZO, ANGELA L RANDAZZO, UNIFUND CCR, LLC, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
Defendants
22 CH 00836
2324 NORTH 74TH AVENUE
ELMWOOD PARK, IL 60707
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 24, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 26, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 2324 NORTH 74TH AVENUE, ELMWOOD PARK, IL 60707

Property Index No. 12-36-203-024-0000

The real estate is improved with a single family residence with no garage.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL, 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-9088.
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

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Attorney ARDC No. 61256
Attorney Code. 61256
Case Number: **22 CH 00836**
TJSC#: 42-3961

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # **22 CH 00836**
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR BCAP TRUST LLC 2007-AA2 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-AA2
Plaintiff,
-v.-
AE SOOK HWANG A/K/A AE HWANG A/K/A AE S HWANG, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
22 CH 06169
7026 WEST DIVERSEY AVENUE
CHICAGO, IL 60707
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 3, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 31, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 7026 WEST DIVERSEY AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60707

Property Index No. 13-30-131-017-0000

The real estate is improved with a three unit building with a three car garage.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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Attorney ARDC No. 61256
Attorney Code. 61256
Case Number: **22 CH 06169**
TJSC#: 43-1508

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION TOORAK CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC Plaintiff, -v.- 52ND AVE LLC-GUNDERSON, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, TERESA CHAMBERS, AN INDIVIDUAL, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants **22 CH 06731** 1139 HIGHLAND AVENUE OAK PARK, IL 60304 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 11, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 24, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1139 HIGHLAND AVENUE, OAK PARK, IL 60304 Property Index No. 16-17-317-035-0000 The real estate is improved with a commercial investment property. The judgment amount was $247,746.09. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact ADAM C. RAYFORD, POLSINELLI PC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 150 N. RIVERSIDE PLAZA, STE. 3000, CHICAGO, IL, 60606 (312) 819-1900. Please refer to file number 113073-681951. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. ADAM C. RAYFORD POLSINELLI PC 150 N. RIVERSIDE PLAZA, STE. 3000 CHICAGO IL, 60606 312-819-1900 Fax #: 312-819-1910 E-Mail: ARAYFORD@POLSINELLI.COM Attorney File No. 113073-681951 Attorney Code. 47375 Case Number: **22 CH 06731** TJSC#: 43-1566 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # **22 CH 06731**
4/27, 5/4, 5/11/2023 7422442

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Bid Notice

HINSDALE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 86

LEGAL NOTICE
BID 23-022 Junk and Debris Removal
For Hinsdale Central High School Summer 2023

Sealed solicitations will be received by the Hinsdale Township High School District 86 Board of Education, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois, for Junk and Debris Removal from approximately 85 Hinsdale Central High School classrooms that are under construction during the summer of 2023.

The documents are available by contacting Tina Snyder, NIGP-CPP, CPPB, at email Msnyder@hinsdale86.org, or by phone (630) 570-8003.

Sealed bids are due no later than **Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 11:00 am CST** at the Administration Center, 5500 South Grant Street, Hinsdale, IL 60521 and shall be marked to the attention Tina Snyder, CPPB, Procurement Officer. A public bid opening will occur immediately following the submittals.

The Hinsdale Township High School District 86 Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted.
4/27/23 7422758

BID NOTICE
Bid #24-002

The Board of Education, School District No. 87, will receive sealed bids for FOOD SERVICE PAPER SUPPLIES in the Business Office at 1200 N. Wolf Road, Berkeley, Illinois, 60163, until 10:00 A.M., Thursday, June 1, 2023. Bids will be publicly opened at this location at 10:05 A.M., Thursday, June 1, 2023.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in bidding.

Board of Education
School District No. 87, Cook County

Rose Mason
Secretary, Board of Education
April 27, 2023 - 7422721

Bid Notice

BID NOTICE
Bid #24-001

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Board of Education
School District No. 87, Cook County

Rose Mason
Secretary, Board of Education
4/27/23 7422692

Legal Notices

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April 2023

The Mannheim District 83 Board of Education is seeking qualified candidates for a vacancy, on the Board of Education. Candidates will be interviewed on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. Candidates must be citizens of the United States, 18 years or older, a registered voter, and a resident of Mannheim School District 83 for at least one year.

Interested candidates are asked to call Daria Bernardi at 1-847-455-4413 ext. 1223 for details and to make an appointment.

Marianne Anderson, Board President
Mannheim School District #83
10401 W. Grand Avenue
Franklin Park, IL. 60131
April 27, 2023 - 7419196

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NOTICE OF SALE

RIVER GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT –
VACANT LAND – 8631 GRAND AVENUE, RIVER GROVE, IL 60171

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 10th day of May, 2023, the Board of Library Trustees of the River Grove Public Library District, Cook County, Illinois ("Seller") will sell at public sale by taking sealed bids until 7:00 p.m. on the 10th day of May, 2023, at the River Grove Public Library, Library Director's Office, 8638 W. Grand Avenue, River Grove, Illinois 60171, at which date, time and place said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, the real estate described as follows and hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Real Estate":

Lot 110 (except the West 2.0 feet thereof lot 111, 112 and the West 11 feet of lot 113 in Volk Brothers Carey Estates being a subdivision of that part of lot 3 (lying South of Grand Avenue) in Assessor's Division of the fractional West half of the section 26, township 40 North, range 12 East of the Third Principal Meridian, also of block G in Turner Park City being a subdivision of lots 1 & 2 in Assessors Division and part of lot A in Wilhelmina Schmidt's consolidation of part of lot 3 in said Assessor's Division of part of Laframboise Reserve according to the plat thereof recorded as Document Number 3507833, in Cook County, Illinois.

PIN: 12-26-307-034-0000

Commonly known as 8631 Grand Avenue, River Grove, Illinois 60171

The sale of the Real Estate will be made on the following terms, to wit:

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Real Estate is a vacant and unimproved parcel of real estate at 8631 Grand Avenue, in River Grove, Illinois. The Real Estate consists of approximately 10,500 square feet. Arrangements to view the Real Estate may be made through Ms. Kendall Harvey, Library Director, River Grove Public Library District, (708) 395-4359.

No representation is made as to the zoning of the property.

II. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

A. Sealed bids offering to purchase the Real Estate to be sold in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of Sale will be received up to the hour of 7:00 p.m., Central Daylight Time, on the 10th day of May, 2023. The bids will be opened immediately thereafter and read aloud in the Youth Reading Room of the River Grove Public Library, 8638 W. Grand Avenue, River Grove, Illinois 60171. The Terms and Conditions of Sale, including the Real Estate Purchase Contract, may be obtained at the above address, and are as set forth in the Real Estate Purchase Contract.

B. The entire Real Estate shall be sold in its entirety as a unit, as is.

C. Each bid must be accompanied by a cashier's or certified check drawn on a banking institution licensed to transact banking business in Illinois in good standing, and made payable to the River Grove Public Library District, Cook County, Illinois, in the amount of $5,000.00. The Seller will return such deposit to all but the three highest cash bidders determined to be responsive to the terms of this Notice in the sole discretion of the Seller. The Seller will hold the deposits of the three highest cash bidders, without interest, until the Seller accepts a bid or rejects all bids. If all bids are rejected, the Seller will return the deposits of the three highest bidders to them immediately after such rejection. If a bid is accepted, the Seller will return the deposits of the two highest bidders whose bids were not accepted, and retain the deposit of the bidder whose bid was accepted as a credit toward the purchase price.

D. By submitting a bid, whether or not it is the highest cash bid submitted, and whether or not it is finally accepted or rejected by the Seller, the bidders whose bids are responsive as determined in the sole discretion of the Seller and are the highest, second highest, and third highest agree that, for and in consideration of Ten Dollars ($10.00), their bids are to remain binding and irrevocable for 14 days following the date of bid opening.

E. On or before 14 days from the date of bid opening, the Seller will notify each of the bidders which bid, in the opinion of the sole discretion of the Seller, is the highest cash bid submitted by the most responsible bidder. The Seller may, in the alternative, and in its sole discretion, determine that any or all bids be rejected, and if such determination is made, the Seller will so notify the said bidders on or before 14 days from the date of bid opening. The Seller will thereupon accept the bid of the bidder in accordance with determination of the Seller, or reject all bids if the Seller has so determined.

F. The successful bidder shall be required to enter into the Real Estate Purchase Contract within five (5) days after acceptance of its bid, said Contract to be in the form provided by the Seller and said Contract is an integral part of this transaction.

G. These terms and conditions shall be binding upon Seller and Purchaser and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

On Wednesday, May 17, 2023 a meeting will be conducted by LaGrange Highlands School District 106 at 2:00 PM at the LaGrange Highland School District 106 district office, 1750 Plainfield Road, LaGrange, IL. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss District plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home-schooled students within the District for the 2023-2024 school year. If you are a parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of LaGrange Highlands School District 106 you are welcome to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting please contact Mrs. Amy Laskowski, Director of Student Support Services at 708-485-3171.
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Public Notices

Notice of Public Meeting

On Friday, May 12, 2023 at 9:00 AM, a meeting conducted by Hinsdale Township High School District 86, Hinsdale, Illinois, will take place at the Hinsdale District Administrative Offices, 5500 S. Grant Street, Hinsdale IL, 60521, in the Conference Room. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the District's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2023 - 2024 school year. If you are a parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of Hinsdale Township High School District 86, you are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Dr. Kari Smith, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services at 630-655-6101.
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These cats do their own stunts

Catfluencers star in and film their own social media videos

By Amelia Nierenberg
The New York Times

Mr. Kitters' cat-perspective videos are a hit online. With the help of cameras that attach to collars, a niche style of cat content shows the world from a feline POV. **SCOTT IRWIN**

Gonzo can capture his athletic feats himself with the help of a tiny camera that attaches to his collar. **MARIA BOONSTRA**

In one video, the athlete pauses, assesses the height and leaps. He tries to free-climb up the side of a building before jumping back to the ground. In another, he leaps across a roof, his shadow stretching out long in front of him.

This gymnast, though, is a cat. Specifically, he's Gonzo of @gonzoisacat. He has more than 607,000 followers on TikTok and 178,000 on Instagram.

Gonzo is the star — and the director — of his own shorts. Rather than his owners filming his stunts, Gonzo can capture them himself with the help of a tiny camera that attaches to his collar. The result is an extreme sports cinema verite-style documentary from a cat's perspective. And it's catching on online.

In Norway, a GoPro-wearing cat roams across snowy meadows or climbs on a roof. One in China also recorded under-the-chin videos. Another catfluencer named Mr. Kitters has 1.5 million followers on TikTok and nearly 1 million on Instagram, where viewers can watch him meow at a bird or chase a squirrel.

"The cat goes out there, and it's like, 'What is he doing, out in the world?' " said Derek Boonstra, 40, who cares for Gonzo with his wife, Maria, in Los Angeles.

The couple decided to start filming Gonzo about four years ago. They wondered what he was doing when no one was watching — and wanted to make sure he was safe when he was exploring outside. After experimenting with a DIY camera, Boonstra bought one from the brand Insta360. (In exchange for two more free ones, he said, he tags the camera company in his videos.)

The first day they filmed included about "90 minutes of him sleeping in a bush," said Boonstra, a documentary filmmaker who has a tattoo of the cat. But then Gonzo ran into some baby opossums. "That was immediately like, this is really fascinating," he said.

Cats are among the earliest and most constant staples of the Very Online. Jason Eppink, who curated an exhibition about cats on the internet at the Museum of the Moving Image in 2015, broke down online cats into three main eras.

When YouTube and message boards were dominant, cat clips looked a lot like "America's Funniest Home Videos." They were a little grainy and amateurish.

"There wasn't this cat industrial complex yet," said Eppink, an artist and curator.

Then, as Facebook took hold, the cats became memes; think I Can Has Cheezburger. Silly-looking celebrity cats, like Lil Bub or Grumpy Cat, rose with Instagram and the early influencer internet.

The rise of wearable camera technology, though more often used by surfers or snowboarders than pets, has led to another niche style of cat content. Like viewers of extreme sports videos, cat video fans regularly note the thrill they feel when their feline stars leap or scamper.

"A lot of the comments are, 'I kind of wish I were a cat,' " said Scott Irwin, Mr. Kitters' human. "It's a way for them to escape for 15 seconds at a time."

Mr. Kitters, who lives in Indiana, does more sponsored content, posting videos about a pet-grooming vacuum or the camera itself. Irwin started the account in August and has gotten some free cat-related products, too.

It's picking up. In the past month, the account has made about $8,000 through TikTok and partnerships with Pretty Litter and the video game Genshin Impact, said Irwin, 58.

Mr. Kitters is his 20-year-old daughter Lucy's cat. (They have six other cats, too.) The father and daughter used to send each other cat videos on TikTok as a way to bond. When he saw Gonzo's videos, Irwin bought one of the cameras for himself. Initially, he thought of the footage as a "photo album," he said.

Mr. Kitters became a celebrity almost within a week. Irwin started tagging Insta360, which gave him two free cameras, he said. (He also earns a small commission if someone purchases a camera through his link.)

Fans love Mr. Kitters for his chatter and chirps, sounds that people usually only associate with human interactions.

That might be the real draw of these videos: Cats are enigmas. We humans rely on a slim codex of tail flicks and meows to read their emotions. In part, that is because of the history of domestication, said Mikel Delgado, a cat behavior expert at Feline Minds. Humans have been living alongside dogs for longer than cats, she said, and we often project human mannerisms onto them.

"Cats have fewer facial muscles, so people have a harder time reading cats in general," Delgado said.

Outdoor cats also spur curiosity, said James A. Serpell, an emeritus professor of animal welfare at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. The videos reveal a hidden side of cat behavior, one unmediated by a human presence. "People may get a vicarious thrill from following the adventures of their cat," Serpell said.

Lots of the footage can be boring nonetheless, Irwin said. After all, most cats spend a majority of their days napping or sitting.

But "every once in a while, you get that 15 seconds of gold."

Still, there's something strange about the way that Mr. Kitters' fans expect him to be, well, human. Some of Mr. Kitters' fans ask for specific interactions, like seeing him climb a tree, which baffles Irwin.

"I can't make him do anything like that," he laughed. "I'm not doing anything but posting the videos that he's filming and directing."

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National Onlies: One-of-a-kind countries

By Fred Piscop | Edited by Stanley Newman
(stanxwords.com)

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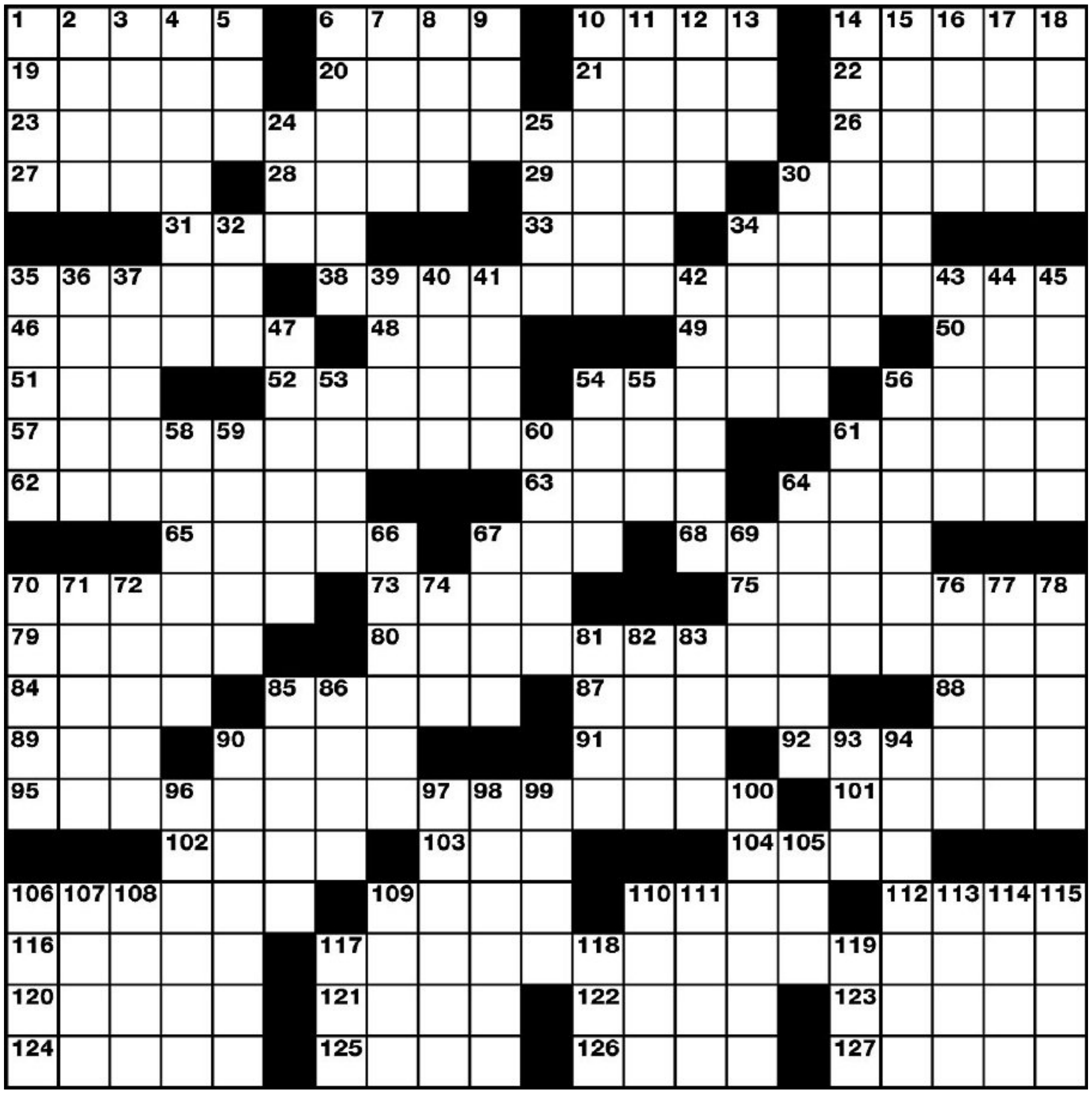

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Across

1 Perform brilliantly
6 Unappetizing food
10 Italian cheese, for short
14 Fastened, as boxing gloves
19 Ramshackle dwelling
20 Carnival amusement
21 The Thunderbirds' org.
22 Prefix for dome in San Antonio
23 Egypt: __
26 Be very ambitious
27 Confined, with "up"
28 "Beware the __ of March"
29 Brit's outcry
30 University of Florida team
31 Margarita garnish
33 Drag around
34 No great shakes
35 Stun gun
38 Dominican Republic: with __
46 Very beginning
48 Lawyers' org.
49 Moisturizer additive
50 Slangy suffix
51 Oath taker's promise
52 More unusual
54 Type one's password
56 Mop partner
57 India: with native __
61 Italian peak
62 Performer with no partner
63 Bollywood tune
64 Book of Judges strongman
65 Knight's mount
67 Cone bearer
68 A second time
70 "On the contrary ..."
73 Mosque leader
75 Right-leaning type
79 Farmland subdivisions
80 Santa Lucia: __ of fact
84 Club payment
85 Talia of *Rocky* movies
87 Horse opera
88 Bill in a till
89 Off-roader, for short
90 Wing measurement
91 On, as a lamp
92 Business partner, perhaps
95 Japan: with a __
101 Fur-trading tycoon
102 URL connection
103 Mortgage agency Ginnie __
104 __ St. Louis, IL
106 Royal abode
109 Mystery writer Macdonald
110 Bogus deal
112 Carmine and cardinal
116 How checks are signed
117 Nauru: __
120 Present moment
121 Blunt blade
122 Choice that may be bold
123 Second segment of *Macbeth*
124 ATM key
125 First Lady after Eleanor
126 Carries a balance
127 Treasure holder

Down

1 Cutter or clipper
2 Make sharper
3 Doctor Pavlov
4 Gets snug
5 Manning of football
6 Dairy designation
7 Poem excerpt
8 Betting quotation
9 Stew veggie
10 Run after
11 Italian cheese
12 A bit improper
13 Deg. for a curator
14 Chef Emeril
15 Many, many
16 Baja resort
17 Qatari leader
18 Boxers and pugs
24 Project objective
25 Pervade
30 Climbed aboard
32 Intense emotion
34 Grain-storage tower
35 Labors long
36 __ book (e-reader download)
37 Chair with no back
39 Minstrel poet
40 Skeptic's comment
41 Italian port city
42 Pesters
43 Books borrowed
44 Colleague of Kagan
45 Ancient Greek physician
47 Lost-package inquiry
53 First chip thrown in
54 Dramatic king
55 www.unicef.__
56 Grapefruit cousin
58 Quick bites
59 Overstuffs
60 Stubborn laundry dirt
61 Noisy parrot
64 63 Across instruments
66 Gourmet's passion
67 Celebrity status
69 Piano material
70 Pitching scout's tool
71 Sharp as a tack
72 Fountain with euros
74 Scratch up
76 What a folder says
77 Childish comeback
78 Scornful look
81 Mete (out)
82 Impartial
83 Bart's bus driver
85 Book's backing
86 Baseball great Aaron
90 Scornful laugh
93 Faux __ (misstep)
94 Largest bird
96 Quick look
97 Hams it up
98 Crushes in the kitchen
99 Filipino coin
100 Flinches or blinks
105 What the Mayo Bros. (separately) once headed
106 Cleanser scent
107 Quote book abbr.
108 Cotton fuzz
109 Ready for reaping
110 Pack away neatly
111 Bamboo stalk
113 Suffix for kitchen
114 Banquet platform
115 Buttonhole, basically
117 Metaphor for deceit
118 ETs' transport
119 __-12 athletic conference

In the End

By Garrett Chalfin

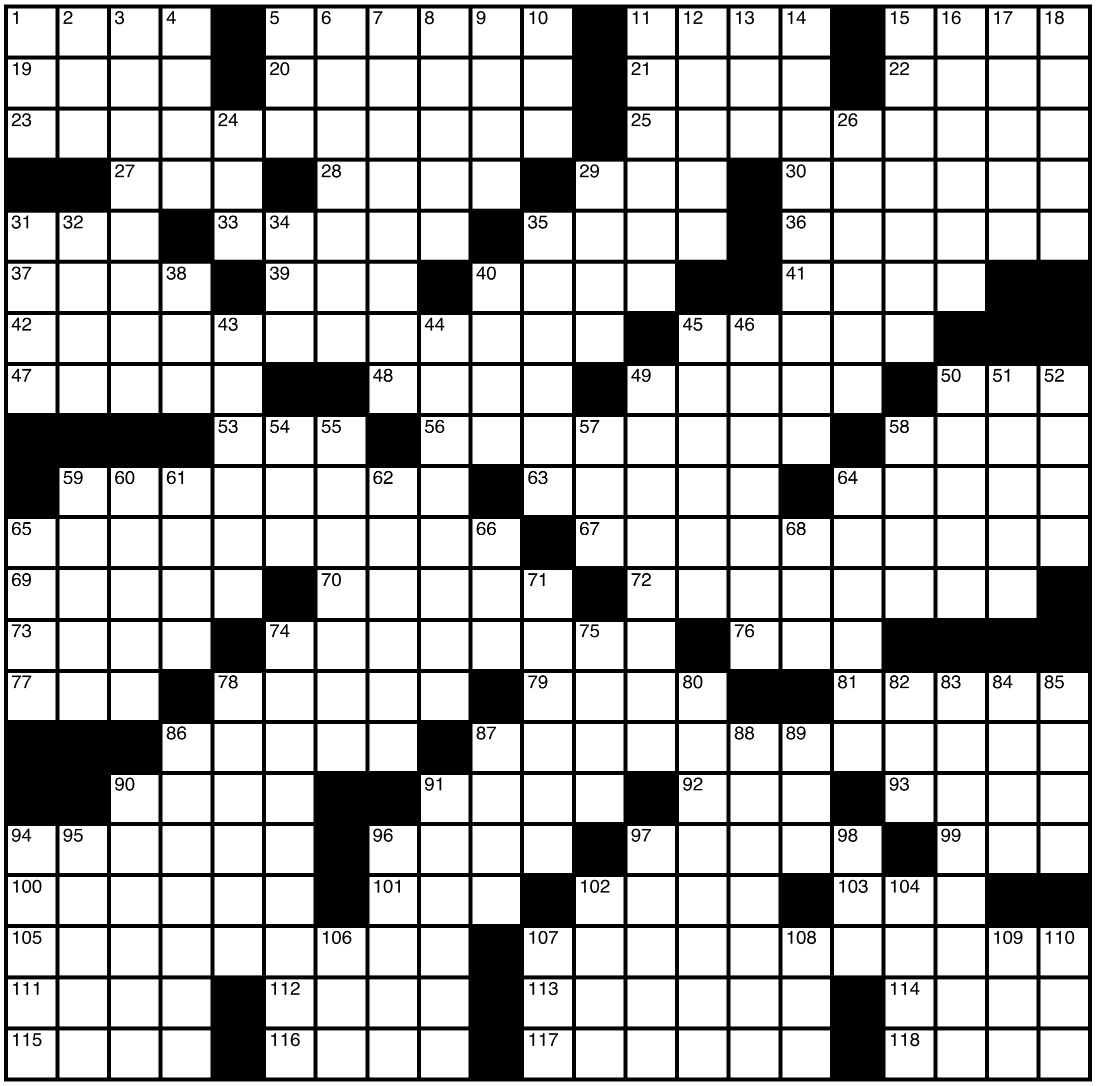
Edited by Patti Varol and Joyce Nichols Lewis

Across

1 2006 NBA Finals MVP Dwyane
5 Wiccans, Druids, etc.
11 Start of an idea
15 Soaks (up)
19 "I wasn't finished!"
20 Greetings
21 Old music halls
22 Atmosphere
23 Exclamation at a Chinese New Year parade?
25 Homemade cat costume?
27 Sammie
28 Ilhan of Congress
29 Lunch spot, for short
30 Spoke without a sound?
31 Crime drama character
33 Buffalo NHL player
35 Pixar fish
36 Chocolate chips and walnuts for banana bread, perhaps
37 Very soon after
39 Steamed bun
40 Sound from a pen
41 Untamed
42 Havana cigar that hits all the right notes?
45 Motivation
47 Bathroom or kitchen device
48 BTS genre
49 Schoolyard retort
50 Old den device
53 "__ Miz"
56 [I have to explain this again?]
58 __-chic
59 Like a rave review
63 Mario Kart participant
64 Euripides tragedy
65 Evian, e.g.?
67 To whom a young sea monster goes for advice?
69 Affirms
70 Morgan of Arthurian legend
72 "You'll see--this'll be easy!"
73 Barber's tool
74 Fizzless drink
76 Early Beatles bassist Sutcliffe
77 Hosp. theaters
78 CBS sportscaster Phil
79 Camper's snack
81 Charter
86 Songs
87 Unusually low tax bill?
90 Family nickname
91 Biceps, slangily
92 Melber of MSNBC
93 Urge on
94 Whine tearfully
96 "Sula" novelist Morrison
97 Viswanathan who was the first chess grandmaster from India
99 Texting nicety
100 Clemson athletes
101 Fix, in a way
102 Disdainful sounds
103 Trawling need
105 So tired of eating pork for breakfast?
107 Observation at a zoo's big cat exhibit?
111 Drudge
112 Swag
113 Had a victory
114 Unaided
115 Avec's opposite
116 Giant fair
117 Sunset shade
118 Freshly

Down

1 URL letters
2 "That hits the spot"
3 Scattered population
4 "Julius Caesar" accusation
5 Prof's deg., often
6 Stunt pilot
7 Campy 1970s music genre
8 Sushi roll exterior
9 Former Queen of Jordan
10 Tax form digits
11 Stop posting on social media, say
12 Enlighten
13 "Summertime Sadness" singer Lana Del __
14 Words said after lighting birthday candles
15 Went unused
16 Eclipsed
17 Groom feathers
18 Smooths, as wood
24 Crunch time target?
26 "Amor & Pasión" popera vocal group
29 Hartford's st.
31 Beer pong receptacles
32 Gp. founded in Baghdad in 1960
34 "The Bachelor" network
35 Luvs product
38 Org. for Cardinals and Saints
40 Concert wind
43 Fishers with pots
44 Kite aids
45 Least rainy
46 Go back
49 Pictures of characters
50 Cape Cod alcohol
51 Sound from a nest
52 Equine hue
54 NYC hrs.
55 Jojo Moyes novel about a woman starting a new life
57 Furry foot
58 Lima __
59 Party gift
60 Inventory list
61 Move or groove
62 Top squads
64 Longtime Takei role
65 Texas city featured in most "Fixer Upper" episodes
66 "One Mic" rapper
68 Actress Dennings
71 Hindu or Buddhist spiritual leader
74 "No refunds" transaction
75 Polka __
78 Top-notch
80 Sea food
82 Joule fraction
83 Animal shelter goal
84 Letter closer
85 Wraps up
86 Bars
87 Organ with alveoli
88 Blackboard chore
89 Receptacle
90 Bird in Mo Willems books
91 Start discussing
94 Timetable listings
95 Skin care brand in blue containers
96 Girl Scout's outfit?
97 Lotus position, e.g.
98 Genetic letters
102 Hammer-wielding superhero in Marvel films
104 Older "Frozen" sister
106 Actress Courteney
107 Couple
108 Understand
109 Flamenco shout
110 This second



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Jumble

Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

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PNGUUL

SWERHD

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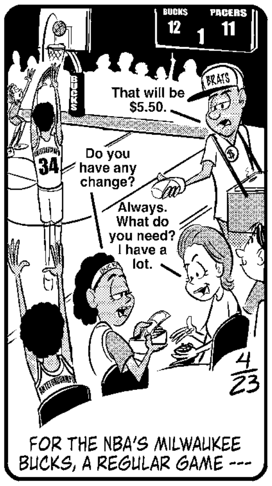
BUCKS
PACERS
12
1
11
BUCKS
BRATS
34
That will be $5.50.
Do you have any change?
Always. What do you need? I have a lot.
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Sudoku

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Level: 1 2 **3** 4

1							3	6
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Quote-Acrostic

1. Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
2. Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
3. When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues	Words
A. Excludes: 2 wds.	56 25 145 106 149 81 119 71 154
B. Follower of toreador	103 22 9 40 88 55 7
C. Provided with talent	32 15 113 70 17 80 4
D. Sleepwear	46 100 62 90 75 16 84 107 65 29
E. Before: 2 wds.	6 158 143 123 50 95 130
F. Kind of journalist	87 112 114 157 135 126 64 52 38 72
G. Sponger	54 161 137 147 148 44 86 30
H. Eccentric person	118 42 28 124 128 34
I. Bony	53 69 27 63 11 96 5
J. Was in charge: 3 wds.	120 49 58 20 31 99 101 37 105 79
K. Lively; gallant	121 83 13 18 45 117 59
L. Judicial summons	94 60 35 104 139 116 132 77
M. Functions; works	2 138 93 108 19 89 125 122
N. Disgusted: 2 wds.	156 51 134 153 160
O. Form an hypothesis	78 82 74 10 26 131 142 91
P. Vigor; vitality	111 68 14 12 36 76
Q. Forceful	8 140 85 97 47 133 24 102 73
R. Whine and complain	39 159 48 21 127 92
S. Direction of gravitational pull	129 57 41 23 115 1 66 67 144
T. Humiliation	61 43 33 136 98 151 109 152 146
U. Varnish ingredient	3 155 110 141 150

■	■	1 S	2 M	3 U	4 C	5 I	■	6 E	7 B
8 Q	■	9 B	10 O	11 I	12 P	13 K	■	14 P	15 C
16 D	■	17 C	18 K	19 M	20 J	■	21 R	22 B	23 S
24 Q	25 A	26 O	27 I	■	28 H	29 D	■	30 G	31 J
32 C	■	33 T	34 H	35 L	■	36 P	37 J	38 F	39 R
■	40 B	41 S	42 H	■	43 T	44 G	45 K	46 D	47 Q
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55 B	■	56 A	57 S	58 J	59 K	60 L	61 T	62 D	63 I
■	64 F	65 D	■	66 S	■	67 S	68 P	69 I	70 C
71 A	72 F	73 Q	74 O	■	75 D	76 P	77 L	78 O	■
79 J	80 C	■	81 A	82 O	83 K	84 D	85 Q	■	86 G
87 F	88 B	■	89 M	90 D	91 O	■	92 R	93 M	94 L
95 E	96 I	97 Q	98 T	99 J	■	100 D	101 J	■	102 Q
103 B	104 L	105 J	106 A	107 D	108 M	109 T	110 U	111 P	112 F
113 C	■	114 F	115 S	116 L	117 K	■	118 H	119 A	120 J
121 K	122 M	■	123 E	124 H	125 M	■	126 F	127 R	128 H
129 S	130 E	131 O	132 L	133 Q	134 N	■	135 F	136 T	137 G
138 M	139 L	140 Q	141 U	142 O	143 E	144 S	■	145 A	146 T
147 G	■	148 G	149 A	150 U	151 T	■	152 T	153 N	154 A
■	155 U	156 N	■	157 F	158 E	159 R	160 N	161 G	■

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Choice

By Charles Preston

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1 Bough
5 Catch
8 Moccasin
11 Florida citrus center
13 Bassoon's kin
15 Asiatic woody vine
17 Start of a comment by 45 Across
19 *The Way We* ___
20 Captivates
21 Scorn
23 Follower of Paul
24 More of the comment
25 Personas
28 Sault ___ Marie
30 Swiss stream
31 More of the comment
34 Honshu city
38 Under the weather
39 Chin attachment
40 Function
42 Dyer's need
43 Dutch genre artist
45 Author of the comment
48 Aged: abbr.
50 Shoe width
51 City on the Humboldt
52 Made in heaven, hopefully
56 Road warning
58 Tool
59 Less likely to be swayed
63 Muslim judge
64 End of the comment
66 KKK unit
67 Cartoonist Thomas
68 French pewter
69 Chang's twin
70 Re followers
71 Part of QED

Down

1 Actor Rob
2 Niche occupant
3 Someone remembered
4 Scar, *e.g.*
5 Hallowe'en cries
6 ___ Dhabi
7 Israel's Meir
8 Talclike
9 "Experience keeps ___ school": Franklin
10 Brazilian Indian
12 Presently
14 Polish soprano Gruberova
16 Unaspirate
18 Takes by force
22 Ruffled
24 Cartoonist Gardner
25 Goddess of discord
26 Young sow
27 Give a wolfish look
29 Godly prefix
32 ___ anyone?
33 Artist's model, at times
35 Track shape
36 Chore
37 Roman emperor
41 Tends
44 On the payroll
46 Whiz start
47 Newborn child
49 Memorial mound
52 Filth
53 Dickens title starter
54 Fortification
55 Shine
57 Like a Ranger?
59 Fast flyers, for short
60 Steeplejack's item
61 Name for a Lamb
62 Torn
65 ___ *Lay Dying*

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"Out of This World"

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"Stereo Types"

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"Hit and Ms."

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Last week's Quote-Acrostic

(Arthur) MILLER: DEATH OF A SALESMAN: Once in my life I'd like to own something outright before it's broken… I just finished paying for the car and it's on its last legs… They time these things… so when you finally paid for them, they're used up.

Last week's Sudoku

2	5	6	3	1	9	7	8	4
8	1	9	5	7	4	2	6	3
3	4	7	8	6	2	1	9	5
5	3	2	1	4	6	9	7	8
4	6	8	7	9	3	5	1	2
9	7	1	2	5	8	3	4	6
6	2	4	9	3	7	8	5	1
1	9	3	4	8	5	6	2	7
7	8	5	6	2	1	4	3	9

This week's Jumble

FEDORA SQUASH SHREWD
UPROOT UNPLUG SQUAWK

For the NBA's Milwaukee Bucks, a regular game —

EQUALS FOUR QUARTERS

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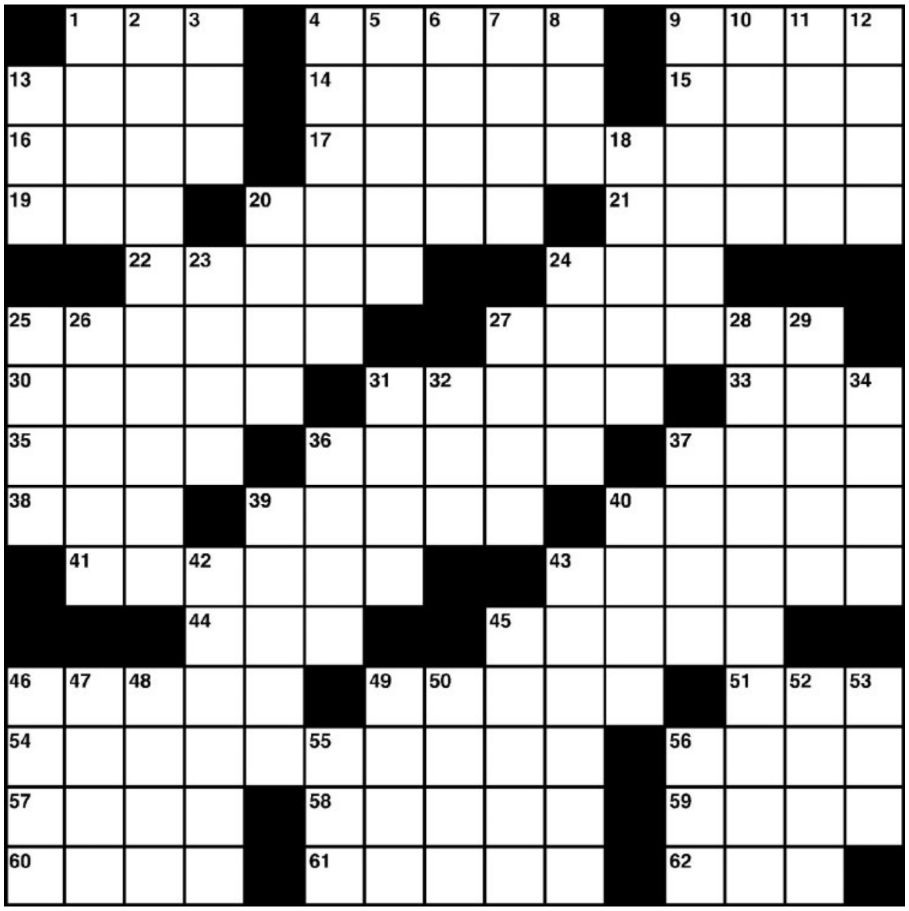
Interactive puzzles and games

Crossword



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ACROSS

1 Go out __ limb
4 Push forward; force
9 Envelop
13 __ around; look for bargains
14 Anne Frank's book
15 Vagrant
16 Put on the payroll
17 Hard to believe
19 Know-__; expertise
20 Wooden piers
21 Start
22 Thrill
24 Girl's nickname
25 Fingers & toes
27 Supervisors
30 Nimble
31 Investigation
33 Granola bit
35 Driver's woe
36 Black suit
37 Mix with a spoon
38 Weight unit
39 Story lines
40 Author Jules
41 Fish hawk
43 Go back on a promise
44 Big klutz
45 China's national animal
46 Come __; happen
49 Liquid
51 Tit for __
54 Where game points are displayed
56 2 and 3 and 4
57 Sculpting tool
58 Get up
59 Be flexible
60 Have to have
61 Venomous snake
62 Brayer

DOWN

1 "The Buckeye State"
2 Some Scandinavians
3 Make fun of
4 Meatheads
5 Chop finely
6 Prepare for a trip
7 Messes up
8 Strong alkaline solution
9 Moans and groans
10 Steals from
11 Capable
12 Wordsworth or Whitman
13 "Be quiet!"
18 Throw water on
20 Go out with
23 Cheerful tune
24 Sheds tears
25 Insane
26 Nome dome home
27 Goes up & down
28 Pleas
29 Claiming damages
31 Ruse
32 Groove
34 Arbor Day planting
36 Musical symbol
37 Put in the mail
39 Chatter
40 Peddle
42 Rained cats and dogs
43 Las Vegas athlete
45 Handbag
46 __ alternative to; instead of
47 F's forerunners
48 Leak out slowly
49 Mustang or Bronco
50 __-back; relaxed
52 Sothern & Sheridan
53 One of the Kennedys
55 Pasture cry
56 Org. for Pistons & Pacers

Solutions

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Northbrook Symphony Orchestra Music Director Mina Zikri, left, is turning the baton over to the orchestra's Artistic Creative Partner, maestro Robert Chen, on April 30 for the spring concert. **BRIAN KINYON**

'A GREAT ARTIST'

Robert Chen leads Northbrook Symphony Orchestra for spring concert

By Myrna Petlicki

Northbrook Symphony Orchestra Music Director Mina Zikri is looking forward to hearing his orchestra perform from the audience's perspective for the first time on April 30. That's when the orchestra's Artistic Creative Partner, Robert Chen, will be on the podium instead of Zikri.

"Before I took over as music director, I was principal second violin with our former great conductor Larry Rapchak," Zikri explained. "I'm really glad that when I hear the orchestra, it will be led by somebody like Robert Chen, a great artist."

Zikri reported that this concert is something that Chen, who is concertmaster of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, has been wanting to lead for a long time. He chose the program.

"Part of the Artistic Creative Partnership that he has with the Northbrook Symphony is that he also helps with programming and innovative ideas," Zikri explained. "I thought this would be a very good change for our audience."

"It's all great music," Zikri said, particularly praising Astor Piazzolla's re-imagining of Vivaldi's "Four Seasons."

"The last time I performed with the Northbrook Symphony, I did Vivaldi's 'Four Seasons,' " Chen related. "I thought I would follow it up with 'The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires.' " He added that Piazzolla originally created the piece to perform as part of a trio with him on the bandoneon, a type of accordion.

"I'm not sure why but somebody had the idea of arranging it for solo violin and string orchestra," Chen said. "It's a very exciting piece of musical theater without words — the protagonist being the violinist, using the instrument in creative ways to mimic voice and percussion, and so forth."

He further described the piece as a crossover from classical to tango.

The program will also include "D major Divertimento, K. 136" by Mozart, which Chen described as "very familiar to everybody."

The third selection will be Franz Schubert's "A major Rondo for violin and string orchestra."

The entire program will be performed by a string orchestra consisting of around 30 musicians.

"It's an opportunity for me to work with the string players in the Northbrook Symphony exclusively, without having to worry about the wind players and the brass players," Chen said.

Chen said of his role as Artistic Creative Partner of the Northbrook Symphony, "I'm hoping to bring a little something extra to the Northbrook community and to give the orchestra a little more visibility."

Chen added that he enjoys the opportunity to work with musicians that he doesn't usually have the opportunity to work with. "It's always good to leave your comfort zone," he said.

The orchestra's 43rd season will continue on June 4 with "Violins of Hope." Soloist Masha Lakisova will perform Max Bruch's Violin Concerto No. 1 in G minor. In addition, the orchestra will perform Dvorak's Symphony No. 9 "From the New World."

Some of the historically preserved instruments that belonged to Jews before and during the Holocaust will be on display in the lobby along with their stories. They have been collected as part of the Violins of Hope project.

Myrna Petlicki is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

SPRING CONCERT

When: 4 p.m. April 30
Where: Northbrook Symphony Orchestra at Sheely Center for the Performing Arts, 2300 Shermer Road, Northbrook
Tickets: $40-$55; free for children 5 and older
Information: 847-272-0755; northbrooksymphony.org

MORE THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Here are some other events occurring the week of April 27-May 3 in the Pioneer Press and Doings suburbs.

Clothes encounters

Des Plaines Theatre presents "The Sixties Show — Bell Bottom Bash" at 7:30 p.m. April 29 at 1476 Miner St., Des Plaines. Tickets: $29-$59. 224-354-2333; desplainestheatre.com/events/the-sixties-show. The band's repertoire includes music from the Byrds, the Beatles, Buffalo Springfield, Cream, Simon and Garfunkel, and many more '60s musical luminaries.

Doing her part

Feldman

Hilary Ann Feldman presents "My Fair Audrey, a musical tribute to Audrey Hepburn" at 8 p.m. April 29 at Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Tickets: free, donations accepted for the Children of Ukraine. 847-677-7761; skokietheatre.org/hilary-ann-feldman.html. Feldman's tribute to the beloved performer and UNICEF ambassador will benefit Ukrainian children through UNICEF.

Pencil this in

Phil Schorn presents "Art in the Garage" from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 29-30 at Leeward and Lexington, Grayslake. Tickets: free admission. 847-421-7925; pschornstudio.com/art-shows.
Acclaimed color pencil fine artist Schorn will exhibit for sale more than 70 pieces of his artwork before he takes it on the road for the summer art festival season.

Picky player

Hey Nonny presents Cary Morin at 7:30 p.m. May 2 at 10 S. Vail Ave., Arlington Heights. Tickets: $15-$35. 224-202-0750, heynonny.com/shows/cary-morin-2.
Considered one of the best acoustic pickers, Morin plays fingerstyle guitar and sings roots-infused Native Americana music.

— Myrna Petlicki

Listings are subject to change. Please contact the venue in advance.

Thursday, April 27

Genealogy Group Meeting — DNA 101 and Newspapers.com: 1-3 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. The Indian Prairie Genealogical Group presents monthly programs for people interested in genealogical research and family history. Local genealogists share their tips on doing research. Two in-person webinars from the website of the Allen County Library will be shown: DNA 101 and Newspapers.com

Intermediate Sublimation — Among Us Hats: 6-7:30 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Make your own Among Us hat using the sublimation printer.

Windows Fundamentals (7-week course): Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. This 7-week course teaches you Windows, including moving and resizing windows, creating files, folders, shortcuts, libraries, and external drives, renaming and deleting files; a sampling of Windows applications, including Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint, and introduces computer administration.

Elmhurst Business Connection — Legal Steps Every Business Should Take: 8-9:30 a.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar. Join Fox Valley SCORE mentors at a monthly roundtable discussion on new topics. Meet business owners in the Elmhurst and nearby communities for advice, network, and to share experiences. Join the Business Roundtable discussion. Pitch Your Business Live on Zoom. Register to receive the information.

In Pursuit of Happiness: Immigrants in Our Communities: 1-5 p.m. Elmhurst History Museum, 120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst. Free. (630) 833-1457. elmhursthistory.org. This exhibit examines the personal stories and experiences of area immigrants and their descendants as told through first-person accounts, photographs, treasured objects, video and more. Gain an understanding about DuPage County's growing diversity and the challenges faced by immigrants in the U.S.

Shadow Science: 4-4:45 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar. This hands-on program features science activities highlighting shadows, large and small. Come be a scientist with us! Live-in-person. Registration with an EPL card required.

Landscaping with Anne Roberts: 6 p.m. Eisenhower Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-7828. eisenhowerlibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar. Join Anne Roberts to learn about landscaping techniques while working on a landscaping plan for a small section of the library parking lot! Register: 708-867-2299. eisenhowerlibrary.org.

Mixed Stitchers : 6-7:30 p.m. Hillside Public Library, 405 N. Hillside Ave., Hillside. Free. (708) 449-7510. hillsidelibrary.org. Come out and knit or crochet with this fun and friendly group at Hillside Public Library. Bring your own project. Beginners are always welcome! Join us every Thursday, from 6:00-7:30 pm. Call (708) 449-7510. Website: www.hillisidepubliclibrary.org

Cartoneria: A Mexican Paper Mache Tradition exhibition: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. North Riverside Park Mall, 7501 W. Cermak Road, North Riverside. Free. (708) 442-7605. northriversideparkmall.com. Cartoneria: A Mexican Paper Mache Tradition is a work-in-progress exhibit throughout the mall that runs through May 7. The original exhibit, Alebrijes: Creatures of a Dream World, premiered last summer/fall at Cantigny Park, introducing these creations to the U.S.

Prom Suit Giveaway: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. North Riverside Park Mall, 7501 W. Cermak Road, North Riverside. Free. (708) 442-7605. northriversideparkmall.com. The Modern Man and North Riverside Park Mall are giving away two 2- or 3-piece prom suits with shirt and tie. Suit giveaway runs through April 28. Entry forms are available at The Modern Man store, or go to the Customer Service Desk to enter. Also enter online via the entry form on the mall's website.

Inspiration Fabergé: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art, 1220 Kensington Road, Oak Brook. $5-$10. (630) 833-1616. lizzadromuseum.org. Features carvings of animals, figures and flowers carved in Germany and Russia. The exhibit reflects the style of Faberge design that goes back to the late 19th century and gem-cutting traditions that continue today. Regular museum admission and regular museum hours.

Friday, April 28

Rock Nation and Zero2hero Live at Q Bar Darien: 8 p.m. Q Bar Darien, 8109 S. Cass Ave., Darien. $10. This event is 21 and over. Any ticket holder unable to present valid identification indicating that they are at least 21 years of age will not be admitted to this event, and will not be eligible for a refund.

Vibrant Adult Walking Book Club: 1-2:30 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. ippl.libcal.com. Using I Dare Me: How I Rebooted and Recharged My Life by Doing Something New Every Day by Lu Ann Cahn. We reflect on selected chapters while we walk. We will walk indoors in case of bad weather. Those who register get updates by email regarding the location and the process of picking up their books.

Grades K-2 — Monarch Book Sneak Peek: 4-4:45 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar. Join us for fun activities highlighting the new 2024 Monarch Award book nominees. No need to read ahead, we'll share a new book each week. Live in-person. Registration with an EPL card required.

Thrive Without Compromise Business Retreat: 6-5 p.m. The Drake Hotel, 2301 York Road, Oak Brook. $0-$499. (309) 256-5166. sharnellweathersby.com. The Thrive Without Compromise Business Retreat will feature dynamic speakers and resources with a strong focus on growth, rejuvenating, connecting, and creating community. The Retreat is a place where professional women gather to retreat and realize their full potential in faith, life and career.

Middle School Gaming/Movie, Grades 5-8 : 3:30-4:45 p.m. River Forest Public Library, 735 Lathrop Ave., River Forest. Free. (708) 366-5205. riverforestlibrary.librarymarket.com. Kids and teens in grades 5-8 are invited to drop in to watch a movie or play games. All movies will be rated G or PG.

Saturday, April 29

Just the 80s at Q Bar Darien: 8 p.m. Q Bar Darien, 8109 S. Cass Ave., Darien. $5-$60. This event is 21 and over. Any ticket holder unable to present valid identification indicating that they are at least 21 years of age will not be admitted to this event, and will not be eligible for a refund.

Canasta: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. (630) 279-8696. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar. Join us for a friendly game of Canasta every week. Prior experience is required. Live in-person. No registration required.

Romp and Rhyme: 9:30-10 a.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. (630) 279-8696. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar. Rhymes, simple stories, and musical activities engage little ones and foster emerging language skills. EPL card required.

Jigsaw Puzzle Swap: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Eisenhower Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-7828. eisenhowerlibrary.org. This event is for newer jigsaw puzzlers or lifelong fans. On Community Kindness Day, refresh your jigsaw puzzle collection by swapping out one of your old ones for a new-to-you puzzle. Have a puzzle to donate early? Bring it to the Answers Desk prior to April 29th.

Netiquette — The Do's and Don'ts of Online Interactions: 1-2 p.m. Eisenhower Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-7828. eisenhowerlibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar. On Community Kindness Day, join to talk about ways to hone your kindness skills online. Register: 708-867-2299 or eisenhowerlibrary.org.

Alebrijes visit North Riverside Park Mall for Repairs: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. North Riverside Park Mall, 7501 Cermak Road, North Riverside. Free. (312) 565-3900. northriversideparkmall.com. Cartoneria: A Mexican Paper Mache Tradition is a work in progress exhibit throughout the Mall, NOW – May 7. The original exhibit, Alebrijes: Creatures of a Dream World premiered last summer/fall at Cantigny Park, introducing these creations to the U.S.

West Suburban Lapidary Club: 1-3 p.m. Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art, 1220 Kensington Road, Oak Brook. $5-$10. (630) 833-1616. lizzadromuseum.org. Interested in the lapidary arts? Find out more at the WSLC meetings at the Museum. The Club will host a program each month, including presentations, demonstrations, and information on cutting and polishing stones! Program to be announced.

Sunday, April 30

G.P.A. Healy — Prodigious Painter of Cottage Hill: 2-3 p.m. Elmhurst History Museum, 120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst. $0-$5. (630) 530-6874. elmhursthistory.org. Join Elmhurst History Museum curators in the gallery for a lecture focused on the museum's newest acquisition: a portrait of Jane Byrd Bryan by renowned 19th-century painter G.P.A. Healy. The history of portrait painting, Healy's career, and the significance of the painting will be discussed.

Chicago a cappella Presents 'American Songbook' : 4 p.m. Pilgrim Congregational Church, 460 Lake St., Oak Park. $35-$45. (773) 281-7820. chicagoacappella.org. Come fly with us back to the golden age of the classic musical and legendary vocalists, where you'll melt into the romance and nostalgia of the Great American Songbook.

Family Escape Room: 1:30-4:15 p.m. River Forest Public Library, 735 Lathrop Ave., River Forest. Free. (708) 366-5205. riverforestlibrary.librarymarket.com. Do you

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have what it takes to think outside the box? Put your thinking skills to the test! Work together with your team to find the clues, and solve the puzzles before it's too late to escape! Registration required. For families.

Monday, May 1

Baby Day! Storytime, Tour, and Craft: 9:30-10:30 a.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar. What can the library do for babies and their caregivers? Lots! Join us for Mother Goose & Me Storytime at 9:30, then stick around for a tour of what the Library has to offer you and your infant, plus make a simple craft to take home. Live in-person. No registration. Sleeping babies welcome.

Creative Cardmaking — Mother's Day: 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar. Join us for step-by-step instruction to create cards for Mother's Day (May 14). Live in-person. Registration with an EPL

Family Scavenger Hunt: Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar. Pick up a Scavenger Hunt sheet in the Kids' Library any time in May, or download one at elmlib.org/scavenger. Check off each item that you complete together. When you've filled the sheet, bring it to the Kids' Library for a prize. No registration.

Framed Earring and Pin Display: 4-5 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar. Create a unique display for your earrings or pins made from an upcycled picture frame. All materials provided. Live in-person. Registration begins April 10.

Scrabble: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. (630) 279-8696. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar. Play a friendly game of Scrabble. All skill levels welcome. Live in-person. No registration required.

Hollywood Classics with John Stangeland — "Network": 1 p.m. Eisenhower Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-7828. eisenhowerlibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar. Join classic Hollywood historian John Stangeland for screenings and discussions of movie masterpieces. This month we'll watch "Network." Register: 708-867-2299. Visit: eisenhowerlibrary.org.

Bingo Mondays: 7-9 p.m. American Legion Post 1941, 900 S. La Grange Road, La Grange. $15. (708) 354-3300. al1941.org. Bingo is back on Monday nights at the La Grange American Legion Post 1941. Doors open at 6 p.m., Bingo starts at 7 p.m. Raffle games and pull tabs. $10,000 progressive jackpot game. Cost: $15 for 10 games.

Movie Matinee — "Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris": 1-3 p.m. Oak Brook Public Library, 600 Oak Brook Road, Oak Brook. Free. (630) 368-7700. oak-brook.libcal.com. Mrs. Harris, an English domestic servant who falls in love with a couture Dior dress, decides she must buy one of her own. After she raises the funds to buy the dress, Mrs. Harris sets off on a journey to Paris that will change the course of her life.

The Science of Pandemics : 1:15-2:15 p.m. The Nineteenth Century Charitable Association, 178 Forest Ave., Oak Park. Free. (708) 286-2729. nineteenthcentury.org. How did these COVID years follow the science of pandemics? Dr. Theresa Chapple, head of the Oak Park Health Department, discusses what is necessary to track the cases and direct polices to limit the pandemic.

Tuesday, May 2

Experience Virtual Reality: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Take our Virtual Reality Headset for a spin. Each attendee will get to choose between two VR experiences and get at least 10 minutes to play.

Middle School Writing Club: 4-5 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Show off your work, get feedback and learn a little more about writing at Middle School Writing Club. This program is for youth in grades 6-8.

Super Speech Storytime: Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Join us for a fun storytime and learn early language tips from a speech therapist from Hummingbird Pediatric Therapies. Open to children ages 0-5 years with an adult caregiver. IPPL cardholder exclusive. Registration is for all 3 dates. Register using the child's name.

Bridge & Pinochle: 1-3 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. (630) 279-8696. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar. Enjoy an afternoon of card games every week. Prior experience is required. Live in-person. No registration required.

Middle School Makers, Grades 5-8: 3:30-4:30 p.m. River Forest Public Library, 735 Lathrop Ave., River Forest. Free. (708) 366-5205. riverforestlibrary.librarymarket.com. Middle Schoolers are invited to join in every Tuesday to create something new. This is sponsored by OPRF Youth Services.

Wednesday, May 3

Adult Dungeons & Dragons: 6-8 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Live your tabletop role playing game dreams and play Dungeons & Dragons, a fun, social game where the only limits are your imagination and the roll of the dice. Beginners and experienced players welcome. New players should arrive as early. This program is for adults only.

Teen Virtual Reality Drop-In Games: 1:30-3:30 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Drop in to play some games using the library's Quest 2 virtual reality headset

The History of Simon & Garfunkel (in-person or virtual): 7-8 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar. Music historian Gary Wenstrup traces the arc of Simon & Garfunkel's career from their surprise teenybopper hit "Hey Schoolgirl" to the ever popular "Mrs. Robinson" and the majesty of "Bridge Over Troubled Water." Registration required to attend in-person or virtually on Zoom.

Adult Book Club: 2 p.m. Hillside Public Library, 405 N. Hillside Ave., Hillside. Free. (708) 449-7510. hillsidelibrary.org. If you have a passion for reading or just want to make new friends, check out the library's book discussion group. Books are available at the Circulation Desk one month before each meeting. Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month. May 3: "Apples Never Fall" by Liane Moriarty.

Great Decisions (adults): 1-2:30 p.m. River Forest Public Library, 735 Lathrop Ave., River Forest. Free. (708) 366-5205. riverforestlibrary.librarymarket.com. Come talk about the most pressing international issues of our time in this eight-part discussion series from the Foreign Policy Association. In each session, we will watch a recorded video lecture and discuss the topic. Readings for each session will be available at the library two weeks in advance.

Thursday, May 4

Medicare 101 (in-person): 6:30-7:30 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar. Learn what Medicare covers, what it doesn't, and your potential out-of-pocket expenses, including Supplement and Advantage Plans, Part D Prescription Coverage, and cost-saving strategies. Live in-person. Registration required.

Medicare 101 (virtual): 6:30-7:30 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar. Learn what Medicare covers, what it doesn't, and your potential out-of-pocket expenses, including Supplement and Advantage Plans, Part D Prescription Coverage, and cost-saving strategies. Live on Zoom. Register to receive the information to join. Limited seats are available in-person at the library.

Star Wars Bot Challenge: 4-5:30 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar. JunkBots are easy-to-build robots made using a simple circuit and some recyclable materials. Learn about engineering design, and compete to build the fastest robot. Live in-person. Registration with an EPL card required.

Teen BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) — Sci-Fi: 4-5 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar. Share your favorite reads based on the genre or topic of the month. Live in-person. Registration required.

Pruning Demystified — Be a Barber, Not a Butcher: 6 p.m. Eisenhower Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-7828. wp.me. Log onto Zoom with C.L. Fornari, the Garden Lady, as we learn all about pruning in the garden to promote flowering and fruiting, remove overgrowth, and improve the appearance of your plants. The Zoom link is at eisenhowerlibrary.org.

Wills & Trusts: 7 p.m. Eisenhower Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-7828. eisenhowerlibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar. Understanding estate planning is essential to make sure our last wishes are carried out. Join Attorney Jacob K. Ehrensaft to learn about living wills, power of attorney for health care, power of attorney for property, wills and trusts. Register: 708-867-2299 or eisenhowerlibrary.org.

Village Board of Trustees meeting: 6 p.m. Board Room, Village Hall, 255 E. Wilson Ave., Lombard. villageoflombard.org. Find meeting agendas, past meeting minutes and meeting videos at villageoflombard.org/meetings. To view the Village Board meeting live as it happens, visit villageoflombard.org/live. http://www.villageoflombard.org/calendar.aspx?EID=1123

Friday, May 5

Santana Tribute — Fuze Live at Q Bar Darien: 8 p.m. Q Bar Darien, 8109 S. Cass Ave., Darien. $10. This event is 21 and over.

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Bring Your Own Book Club: 3:30 p.m. Eisenhower Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-7828. wp.me. Our BYO Book Club is going back online! Have a favorite book or two (or four) you'd like to share with fellow readers and librarians? Drop into our virtual book club to tell us about them! Find the Zoom link at eisenhowerlibrary.org

Fit Session with Andrea Metcalf at NRPM: 9-10:30 a.m. North Riverside Park Mall, 7501 W. Cermak Road, North Riverside. Free. (708) 442-7605. northriverside-parkmall.com. Back at NRPM by popular demand: special guest fitness leader Andrea Metcalf! Get up and get moving with our favorite fitness expert. With tips and guidance to focus on the mind-body connection, Andrea will lead stretching exercises and progress into movement for all abilities.

Saturday, May 6

Bon Jovi Tribute — Bad Medicine Live at Q Bar Darien: 8 p.m. Q Bar Darien, 8109 S. Cass Ave., Darien. $10. This event is 21 and over. Any ticket holder unable to present valid identification indicating that they are at least 21 years of age will not be admitted to this event, and will not be eligible for a refund.

Intermediate Laser — Name Plaques: 10-11:30 a.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Create unique name plaques using the laser cutter and paint.

Mid-Kid Pokémon Meet-Up: 2-3 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. For grades 1-6. Do you love to watch, read, or play Pokémon? Then this is the program for you! Experience fun Pokémon activities with like-minded kids with the option to bring your cards to play or trade with others. Registration required.

Secret Messages in Jade: 2-3 p.m. Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art, 1220 Kensington Road, Oak Brook. $5-$10. (630) 833-1616. lizzadromuseum.org. Chinese jade carvings have symbols of butterflies, bats, pines, ribbons, and fruit. Educator Yvonne Wolf will decipher some examples found in The Lizzadro Collection and share a shortcut to reading Chinese symbolism. Regular Museum Admission – Register online at www.lizzadromuseum.org

Free Comic Book Day 2023: 12 a.m.-7 p.m. One stop Comics, 111 south Ridgeland, Oak Park. (708) 524-2287. onestopcomics.net. Make plans to visit One Stop Comics on May 6, between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., to get all those cool giveaways (which, we should mention, are NOT free to comic bookstores. So, please remember to be polite, say thank you and think about buying something else while you are there getting the free stuff).

Gone Too Soon: 7:30-9 p.m. First United Methodist Church Oak Park, 324 N. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park. $17-$25. (708) 366-2889. MTSingers.org. The Michael Teolis Singers present Gone Too Soon, a program of choral works by composers whose creative careers were cut short, having died at a relatively young age. Eighteen composers will be represented, spanning five centuries and six languages. Guest artist will be soprano Josefien Stoppelenburg.

Monday, May 8

Intermediate Embroidery — Spring Napkins: 10-11:30 a.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Learn how to create quick embroidery designs to enhance any table decoration.

Stars at Any Age: 1:15-2:15 p.m. The Nineteenth Century Charitable Association, 178 Forest Ave., Oak Park. Free. (708) 286-2729. nineteenthcentury.org. Talented young pianists Freya Pang, Claire Rong, and Christian Gerald Esteban, joined by concert pianist Dr. Natasha Stojanovska, will amaze and delight you with their musical skills.

Tuesday, May 9

Introduction to Laser Engraving: 10-11 a.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. ippl.libcal.com. Our experts guide you through finding the right graphic to create your own design using the software CorelDraw. Supplies are available to etch or engrave your finished design.

Thursday, May 11

Chamber Business After Hours: 5-7 p.m. Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce, 300A W. Lake St., Suite 201, Elmhurst. chamber-master.elmhurstchamber.org. This month's Chamber Business After Hours will be hosted by A.J. "Toche" Terrones Business of the Year Helping Hands Cleaning Service.

Mystery Game Night: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Hillside Public Library, 405 Hillside Ave., Hillside. Free. (708) 449-7510. hillsidelibrary.org. Mystery Game Night: Teens! Put on your amateur sleuthing cap on and help solve a murder mystery! Wednesday, April 26, at 6 p.m. and Thursday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m.

Have an event to submit? Please go to chicagotribune.com/thingstodo.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

A diet high in carbohydrates may contribute to heartburn

By Joe Graedon, M.S., and Teresa Graedon, Ph.D.
King Features Syndicate

Q: I have been battling heartburn for years. My diet is mostly vegan, and I rely on natural remedies. My doctor has suggested PPIs like omeprazole, but I refuse to take it. I do rely on famotidine to ease the discomfort. Do you have any other suggestions?
A: If your diet is high in carbohydrates, consider cutting back. A small case study published in the journal Alternative Therapies in Health and Medicine (November-December 2001) suggested that a high-carb diet is more problematic than fats when dealing with reflux.

Saliva is the body's natural buffering agent. Research published in the New England Journal of Medicine (Feb. 2, 1984) reported that stimulating the production of saliva with an oral lozenge might be helpful. Herbal teas (chamomile, ginger, sage, anise) may also aid in rinsing acid back into the stomach. Some people report that almonds or mustard calm heartburn. If natural approaches fail you, famotidine (Pepcid) is a reasonable option.

One small study suggested that a high-carb diet can be a problem when it comes to acid reflux. **DREAMSTIME**

Q: My doctor recommended NasalCrom a few years ago. It works very well to lessen allergy-related sinusitis. The only downside is that my sense of smell is heightened when I use it frequently. Since I have a low tolerance for odors, this is a bit of a drawback.
A: NasalCrom (cromolyn) is a spray that stabilizes mast cells in the nasal passages. These cells release histamine and other inflammatory compounds when they are exposed to allergens. Stabilizing them prevents the symptoms that accompany histamine release.

Cromolyn was introduced as a prescription medicine in the early 1980s. It was developed from a compound found in bishop's weed (Ammi visnaga). NasalCrom became available without a prescription in the 1990s.

Some people complain of sneezing or irritation. Others report a bad taste. You are the first to tell us that the sense of smell is heightened. We will be interested to learn if others have a similar experience with this allergy medicine.

Q: I have long suspected that my thyroid function changes with the seasons. My doctor only orders a thyroid test once a year before my annual physical. Should I request more frequent blood work?
A: You might find that your thyroid lab results are different between summer and winter. A letter to the editor of Clinical Chemistry (March 1, 2023) states that TSH (thyroid-stimulating hormone) peaks in the winter and is lowest in the summer. As a result, thyroid function may be lower in the winter than in the summer. Symptoms include sensitivity to cold, constipation, weight gain, low energy and dry skin.

Ask your doctor to order blood tests for T3 and T4 as well as TSH twice a year to better assess seasonal variations in function.

Q: I saw my doctor because the corners of my mouth were cracked and sore. Imagine my surprise when I read on the prescription label "diaper cream." As a former child care provider, I am aware that lots of diaper rashes are caused by a fungal infection. The cream cleared up my mouth in a few weeks. My doctor also recommended a B-complex vitamin.
A: There is no single explanation for those painful cracks at the corners of the mouth (angular cheilitis). Doctors may blame them on yeast overgrowth or a vitamin deficiency. Antifungal creams such as miconazole are effective. Hydrocortisone may also speed healing.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.

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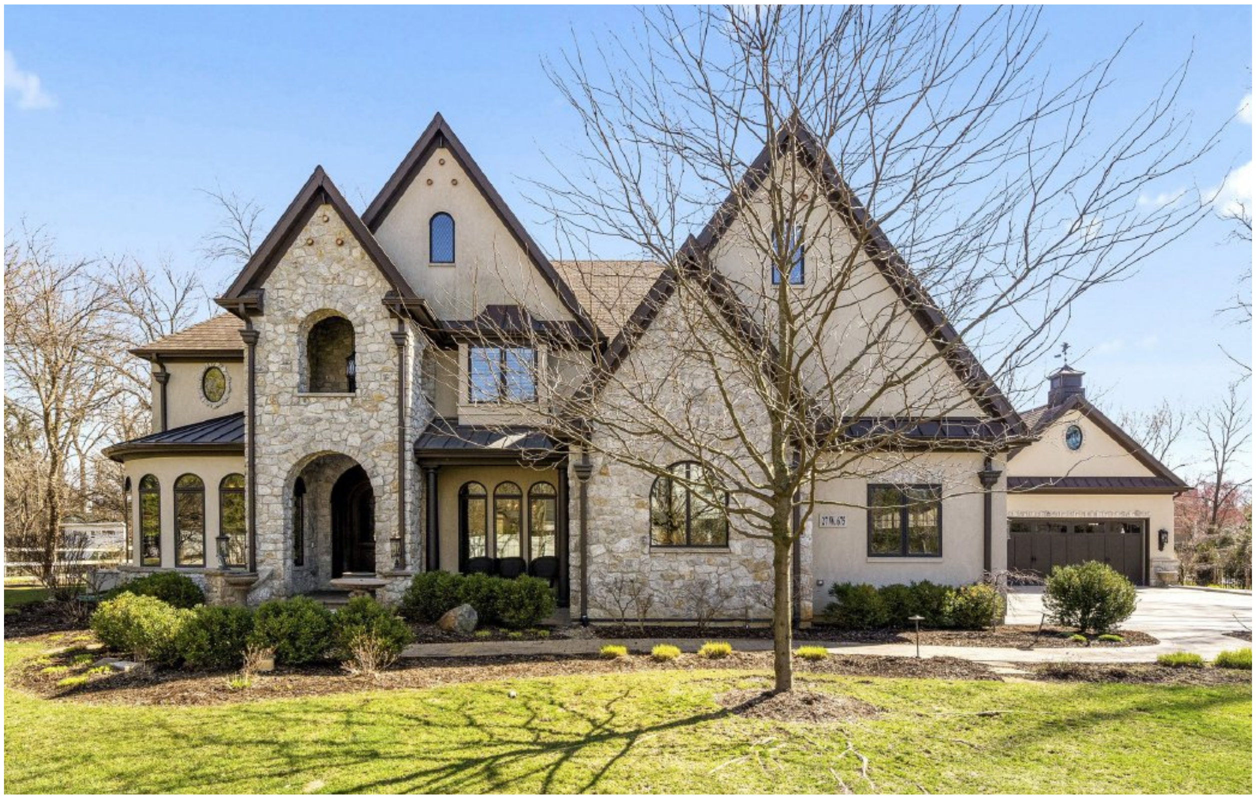

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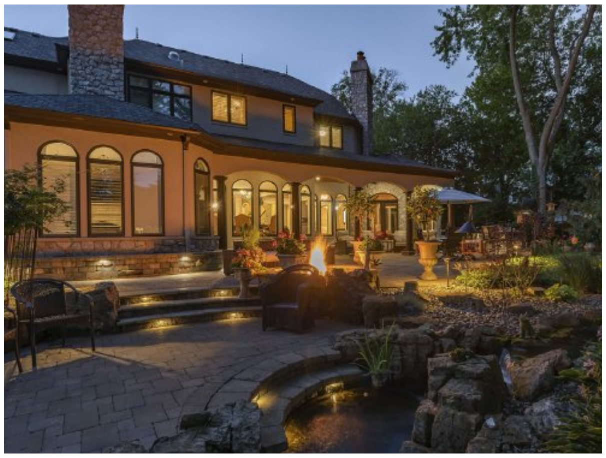
Naperville 6-bedroom home with arched mahogany, glass doors: $3.2M

Address: 27W675 South Lane, Naperville
Price: $3,200,000
Listed: April 14, 2023

This six-bedroom home has six full bathrooms, two half baths and two separate living spaces with two separate entrances. Each home boasts custom arched mahogany and glass doors and custom curved wood and iron staircases. The main residence offers five bedrooms, two of which are primary suites with heated floors and private laundry rooms. The second residence connects through the first-floor mud room and offers a first-floor primary bedroom suite. The backyard of this property features a covered lanai, a pond with waterfalls, a firepit and a built-in grill. An elevator that accesses all three floors completes this home.

Agents: Julia Corkey and Vickie Schoenfeld, Baird & Warner, 630-286-9777



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